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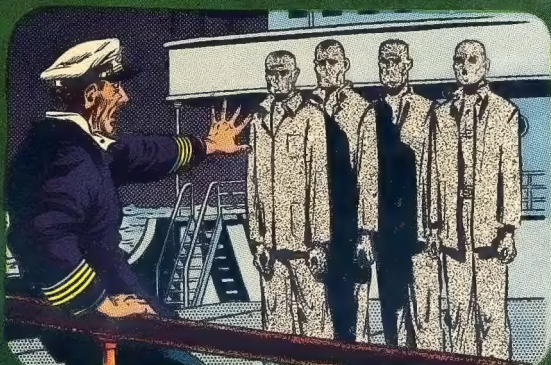
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"THE STRANGE CREW OF THE PEGASUS!"



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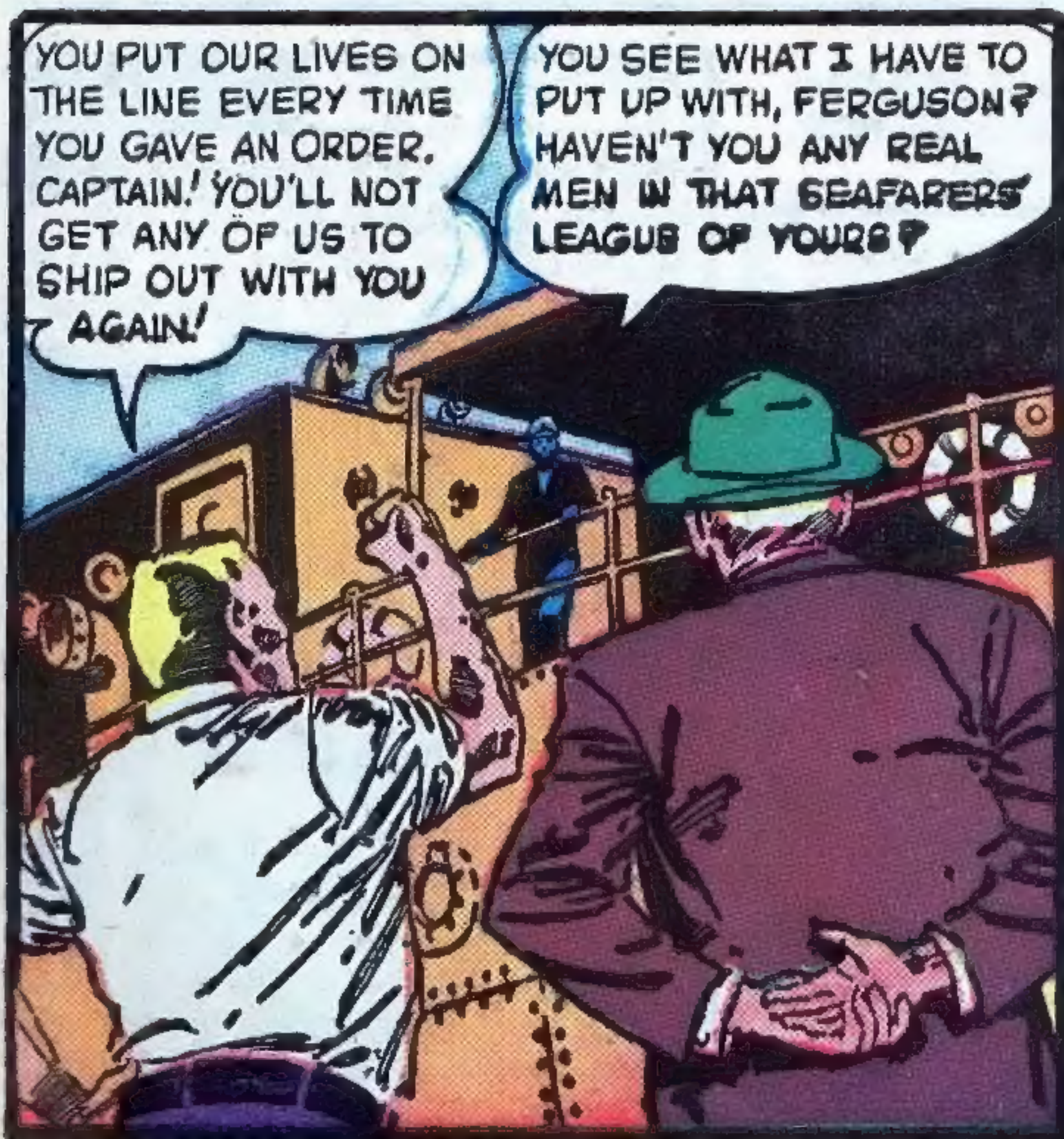
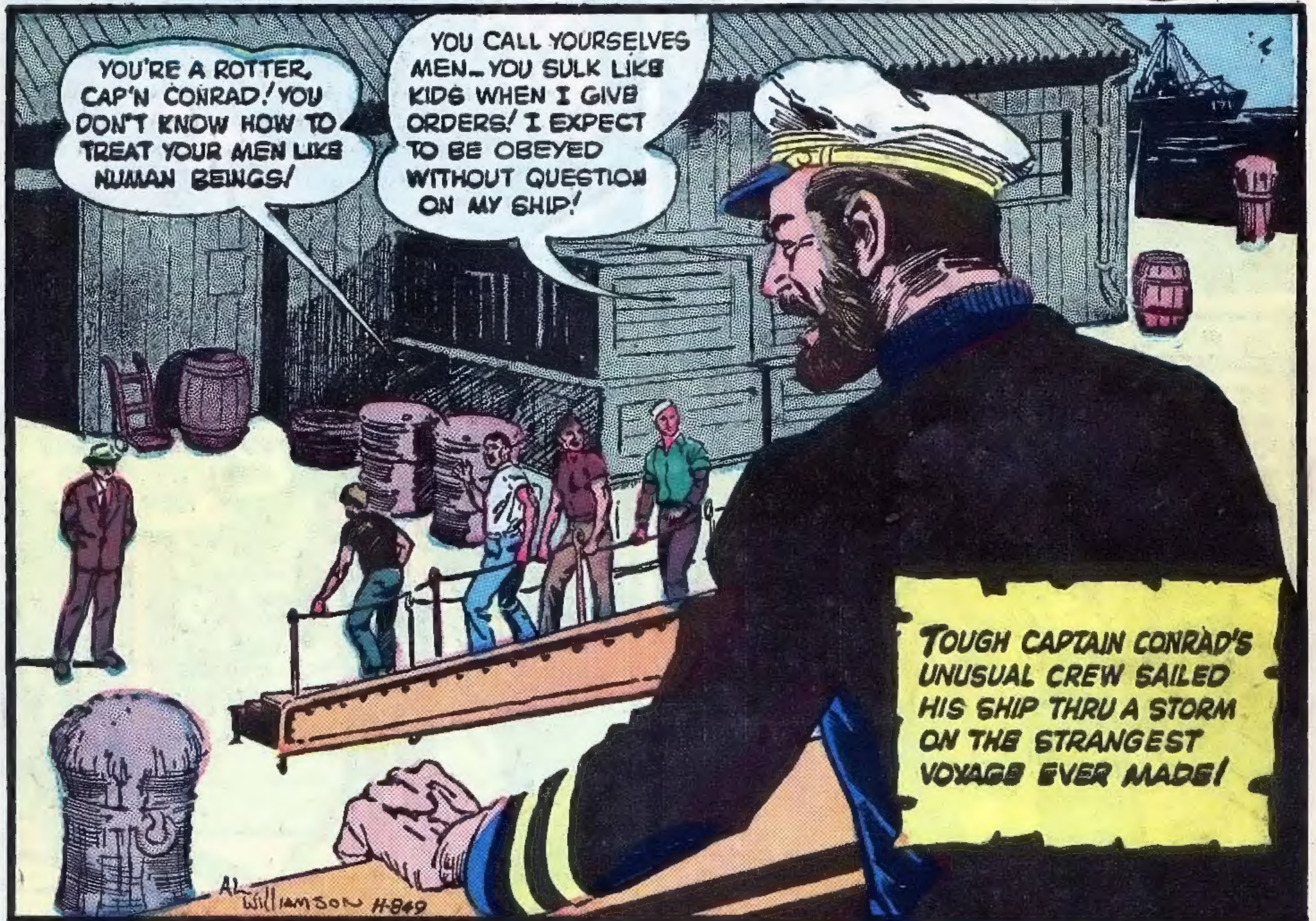
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THE STRANGE CREW OF THE PEGASUS





I'VE GOT TO SAIL IN THE MORNIN' OR THE COMPANY WILL TAKE THIS SHIP AWAY FROM ME!



I'LL NOT LOSE MY COMMAND...NOT EVEN IF I HAVE TO SHANGHAI A CREW FOR MYSELF!



THAT NIGHT...

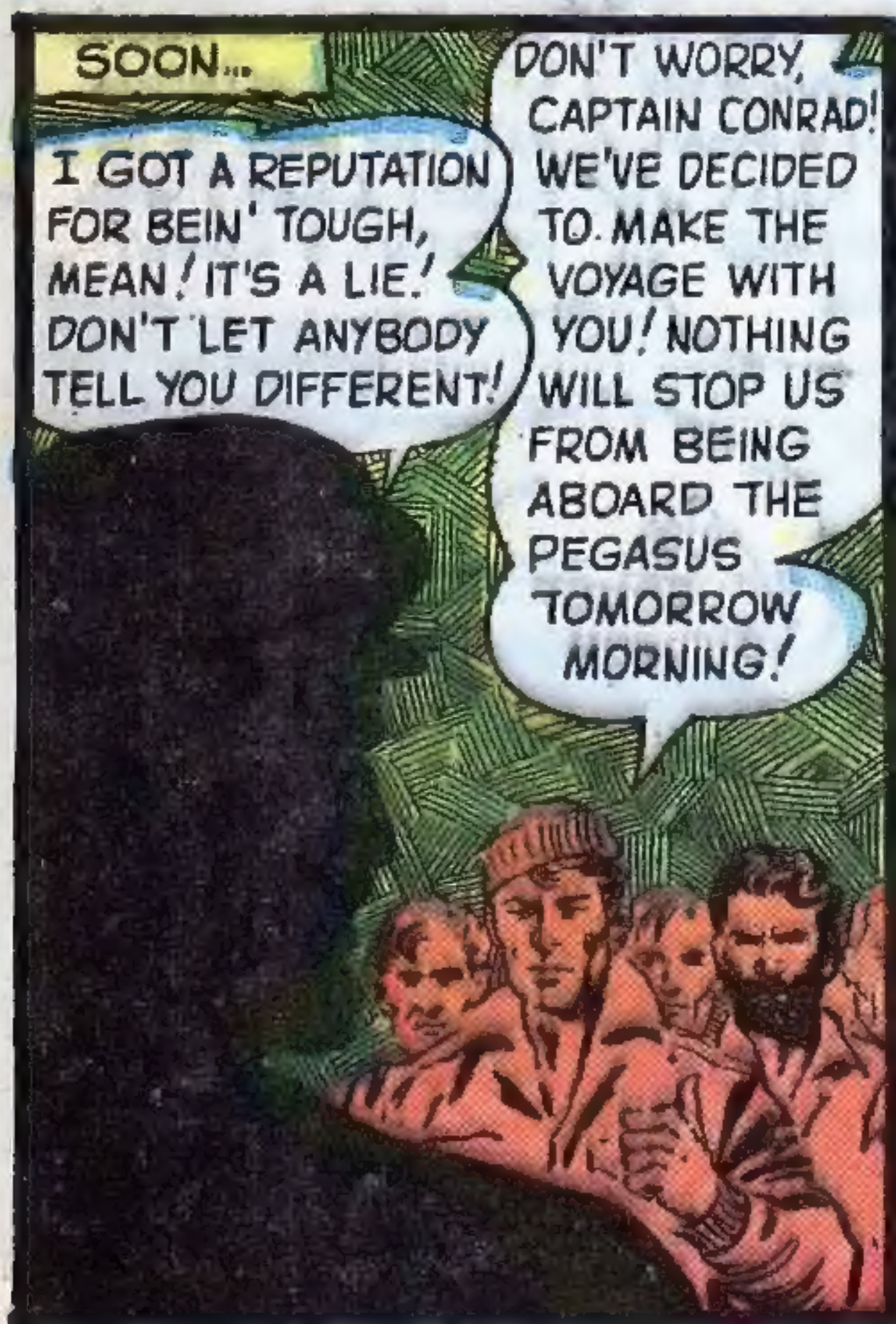
...SO YOU SEE, MISTER, I'M PRETTY DESPERATE FOR A CREW, AND I DON'T CARE HOW I GET ONE! I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHANGHAI ANYBODY! I'D LIKE TO SHIP OUT WITH YOU, AND I HAVE SOME PALS WHO'D ENJOY GOING ALONG!



THIS IS A BREAK FOR ME!

WE DON'T LIVE HERE, CAPTAIN...WE'RE JUST VISITING... TOURISTS! BUT COME TO THE HOTEL AND MEET THE OTHER MEN!



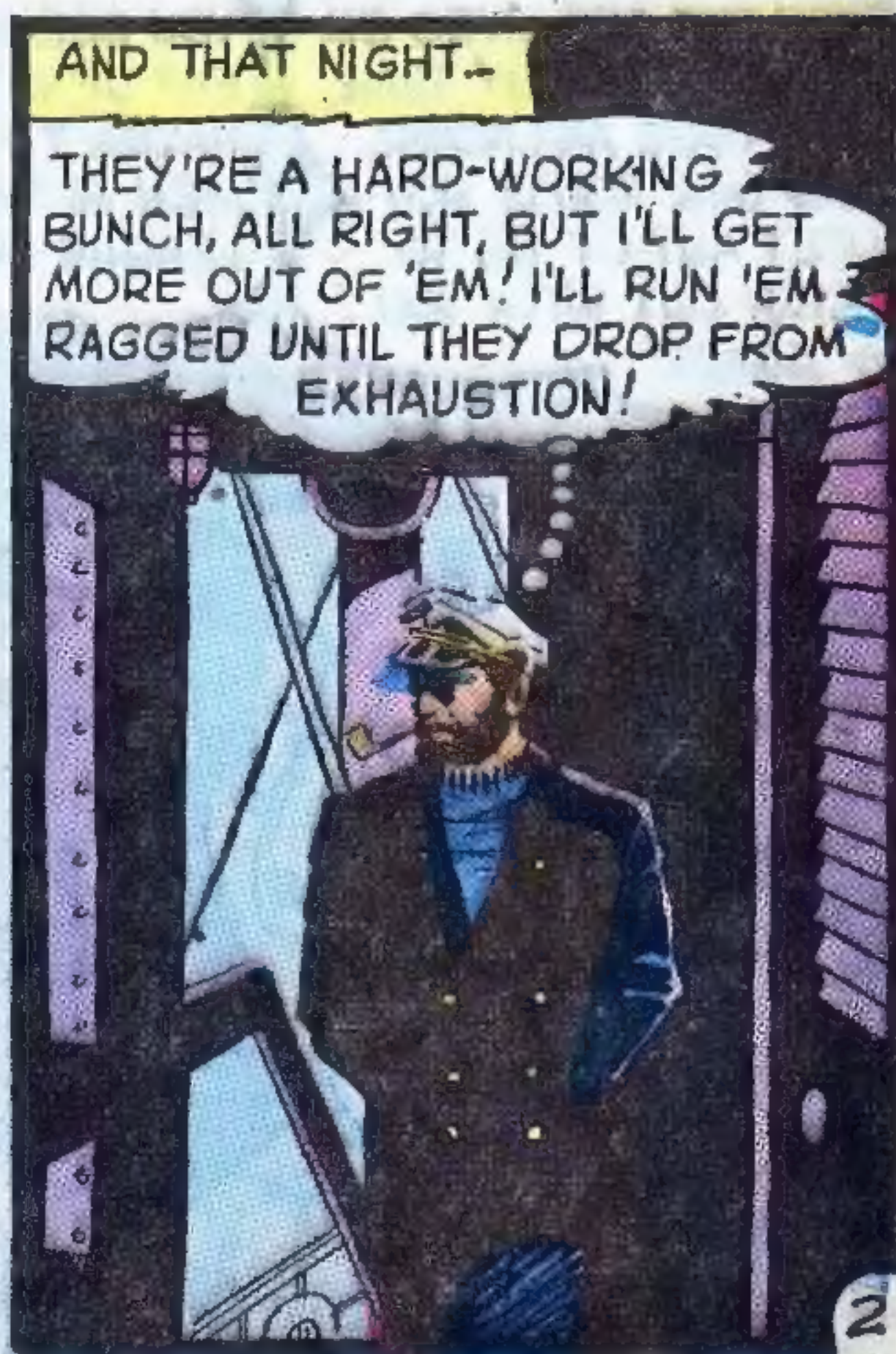
SOON...

I GOT A REPUTATION FOR BEIN' TOUGH, MEAN! IT'S A LIE! DON'T LET ANYBODY TELL YOU DIFFERENT!

DON'T WORRY, CAPTAIN CONRAD! WE'VE DECIDED TO MAKE THE VOYAGE WITH YOU! NOTHING WILL STOP US FROM BEING ABOARD THE PEGASUS TOMORROW MORNING!

SO, NEXT MORNING IT WAS UP-ANCHOR AND SHOVE-OFF FOR THE PEGASUS...

I'LL DRAG EVERY LAST OUNCE OF WORK OUT OF THIS CREW AS I DID WITH THE OTHERS! I'LL MAKE ANOTHER TRIP IN RECORD TIME AND MAKE MYSELF A NICE, FAT BONUS!



AND THAT NIGHT...

THEY'RE A HARD-WORKING BUNCH, ALL RIGHT, BUT I'LL GET MORE OUT OF 'EM! I'LL RUN 'EM RAGGED UNTIL THEY DROP FROM EXHAUSTION!

WHEN CAPTAIN CONRAD AWOKE NEXT MORNING, HE HEARD THE STRANGELY MUFFLED ROAR IN THE WIND! HE DRESSED HURRIEDLY...



HELLO! WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE COME WHEN THE CAPTAIN CALLS!



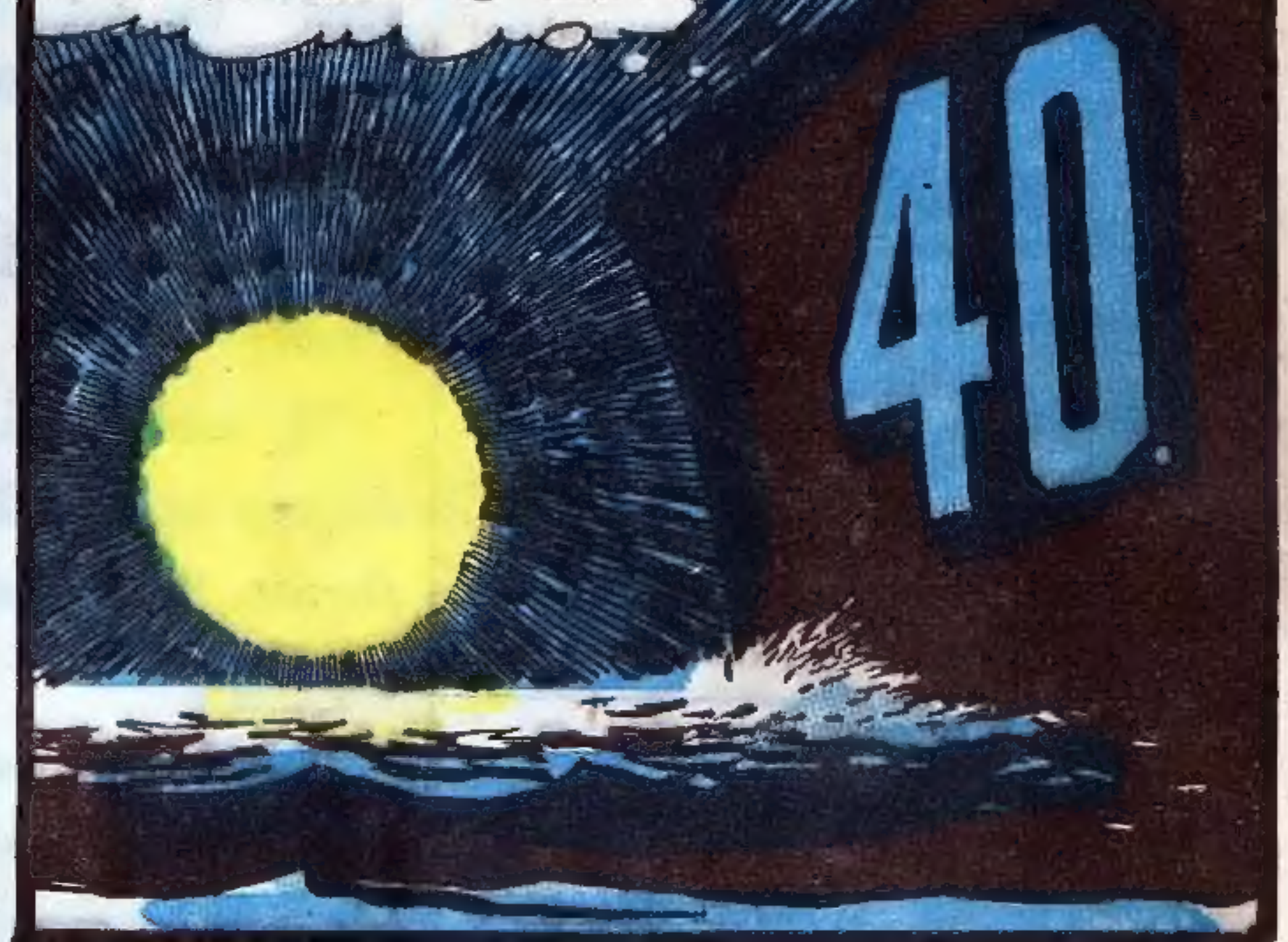
THEY'VE DESERTED THE HELM, TOO, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM! WELL, THEY MUST BE ABOARD SOMEWHERE! I'LL MAKE 'EM PAY FOR THIS!



CAPTAIN CONRAD HARDLY DARED LEAVE THE WHEEL FOR DAYS...



AT LAST A BREAK IN THE BLACKNESS! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THAT COWARDLY CREW! WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?



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THE BICYCLE

SIDNEY slumped deep in his chair, a picture of utter despair and dejection. He wanted a bicycle so badly, but he could not summon the courage to ask his parents to buy him one. He knew that the family budget was already strained, and Sidney felt that he must be a very selfish boy to want so much when his folks had so little.

His father noticed his unhappy state and came over to him. "Is there something wrong, son?" he asked kindly. "You look so sad. Why don't you tell me what's troubling you, and perhaps I'll be able to help you."

"I wish you could, Dad," Sidney said with a catch in his throat, "but I'm afraid it's impossible."

"Nothing's impossible, Sid, if you really concentrate on it," his father consoled him. "Suppose we try to solve it together."

Thus encouraged, a torrent of words poured from Sid's lips. "Well, Dad, the kids on the block are going to have a bike race Saturday. Most of them have big American two-wheelers and some have English racers. They're gonna have a contest to see who's the best and fastest rider."

"Only I won't be in it," he finished sadly, "because I don't own a bike. I've always managed to borrow someone's when

I needed it, but there won't be any to spare Saturday. And I know we can't afford to spend \$50 for a bike when there are so many other important things our family needs first. Besides, I couldn't be that selfish about such a foolish thing."

"Not foolish at all," his father corrected him. "It's perfectly natural for any kid to want to participate in his friends' play. It's true that we can't afford the price of a new bike now, and I'm very proud to know how you feel about it."

"But," he continued with a smile, "we may not be able to buy a new bike, but I'll bet you'll have one for the race. As I said before, nothing's impossible as long as we work together!"

Sidney stared at his father in amazement. "But I don't understand, Dad . . ."

"You've heard me mention your uncle Wilbur many times, haven't you? He's my brother and we're very fond of each other, but we're as different as two men can be. I'm the stay-at-home type while Wilbur was always the world traveler, never staying in one spot more than a few days. He's always looking for new horizons, but last night I had a call from him. He's going to visit us today."

"But what's that got to do with my bike race?" Sidney

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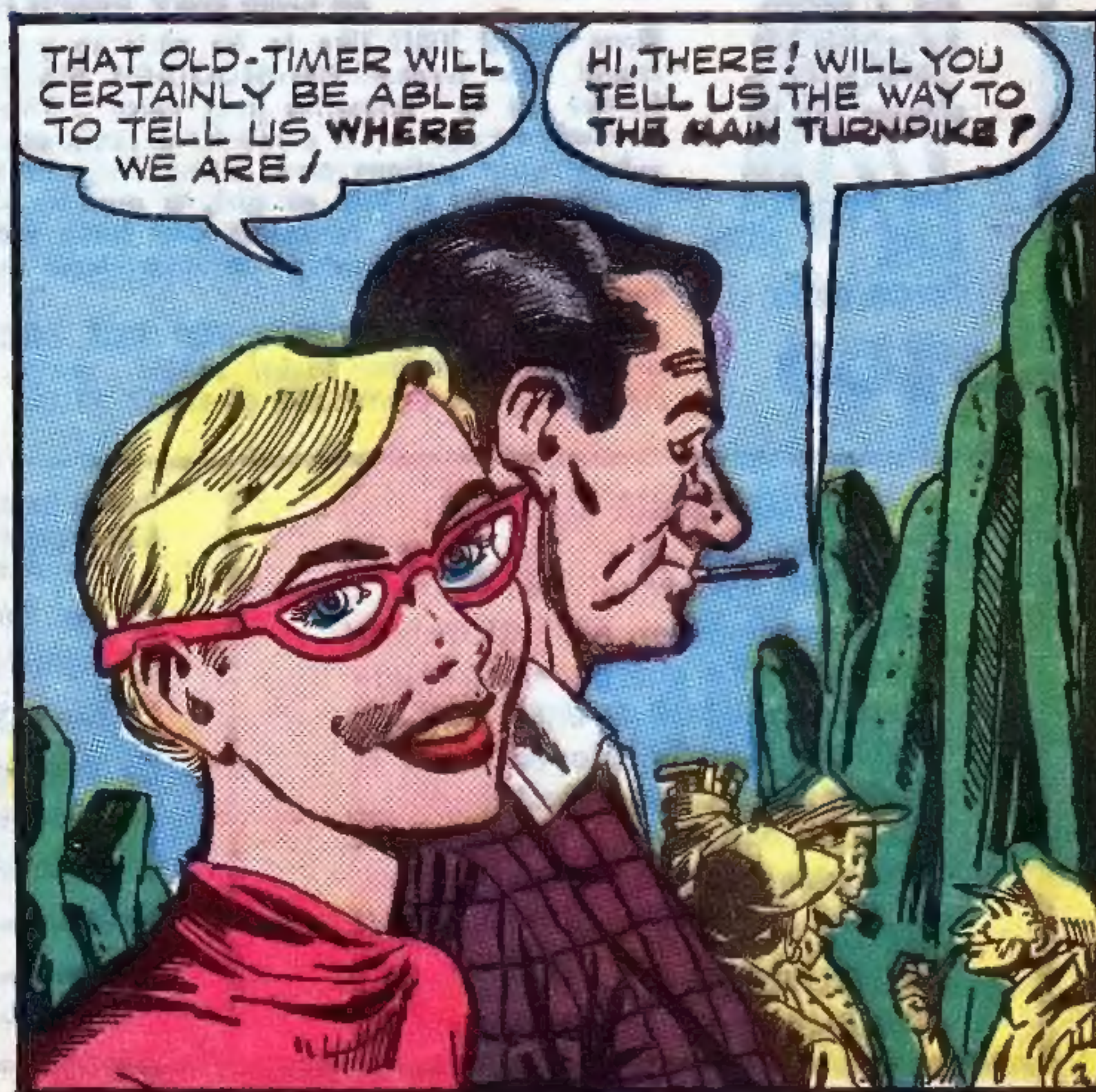
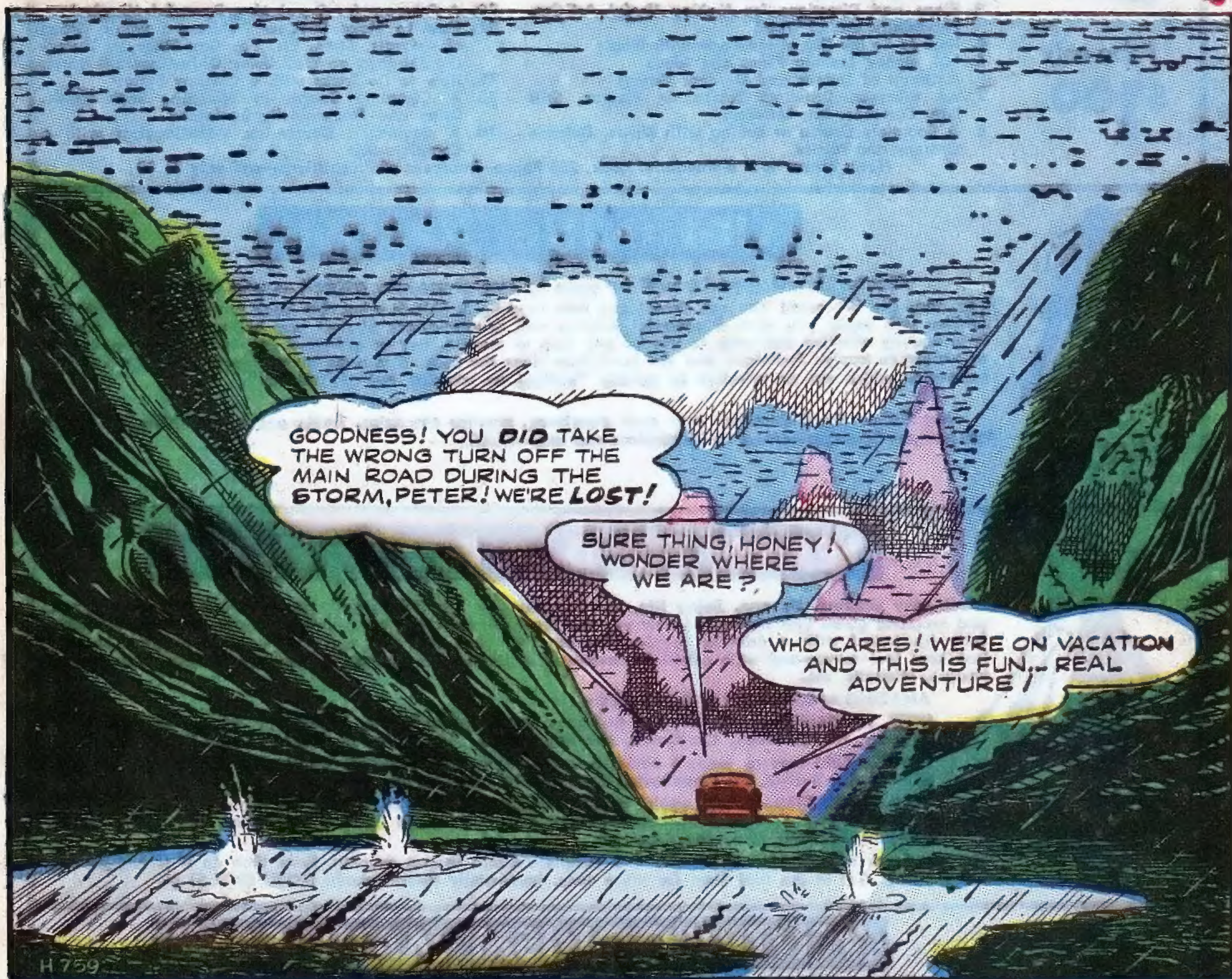
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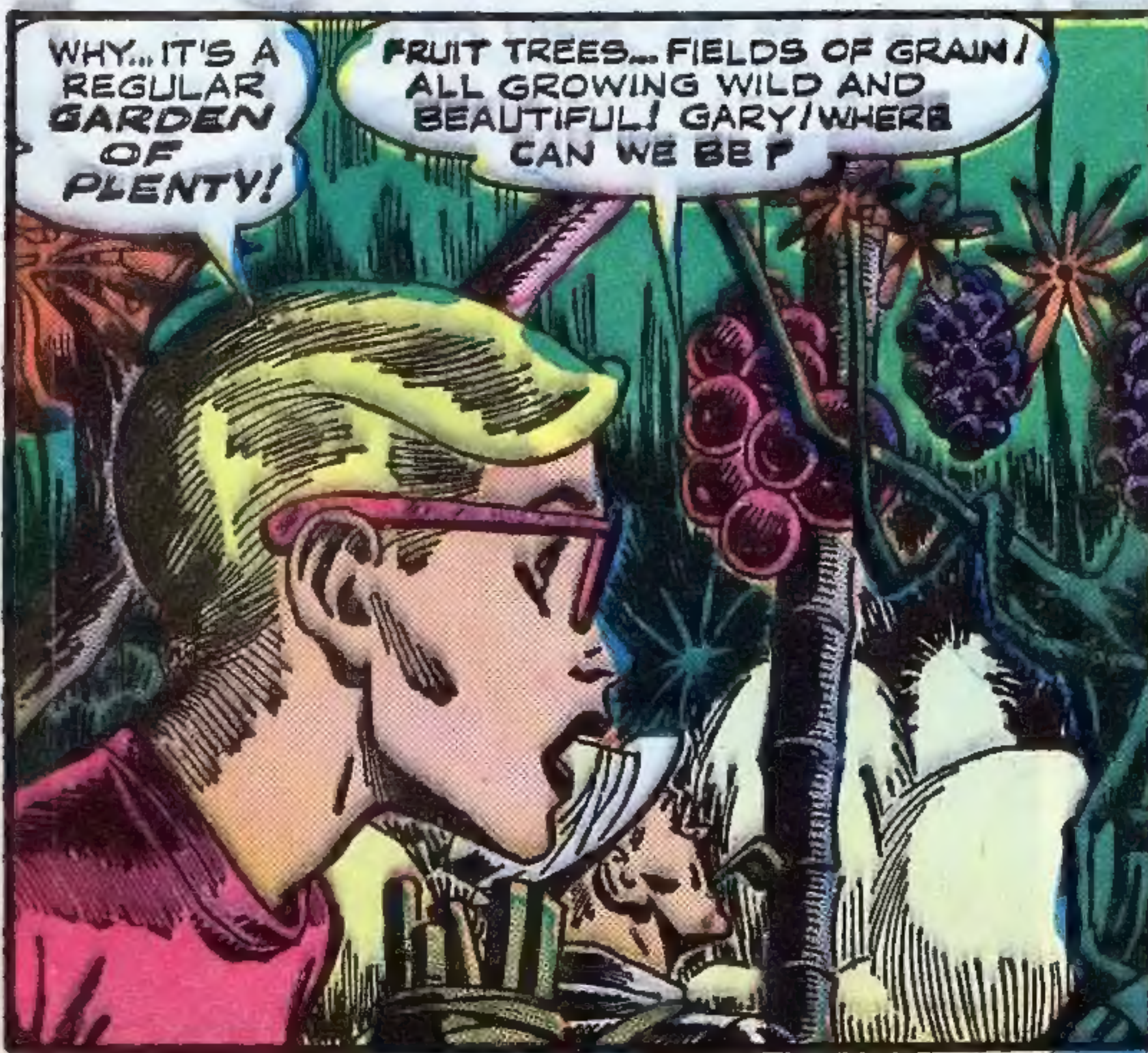
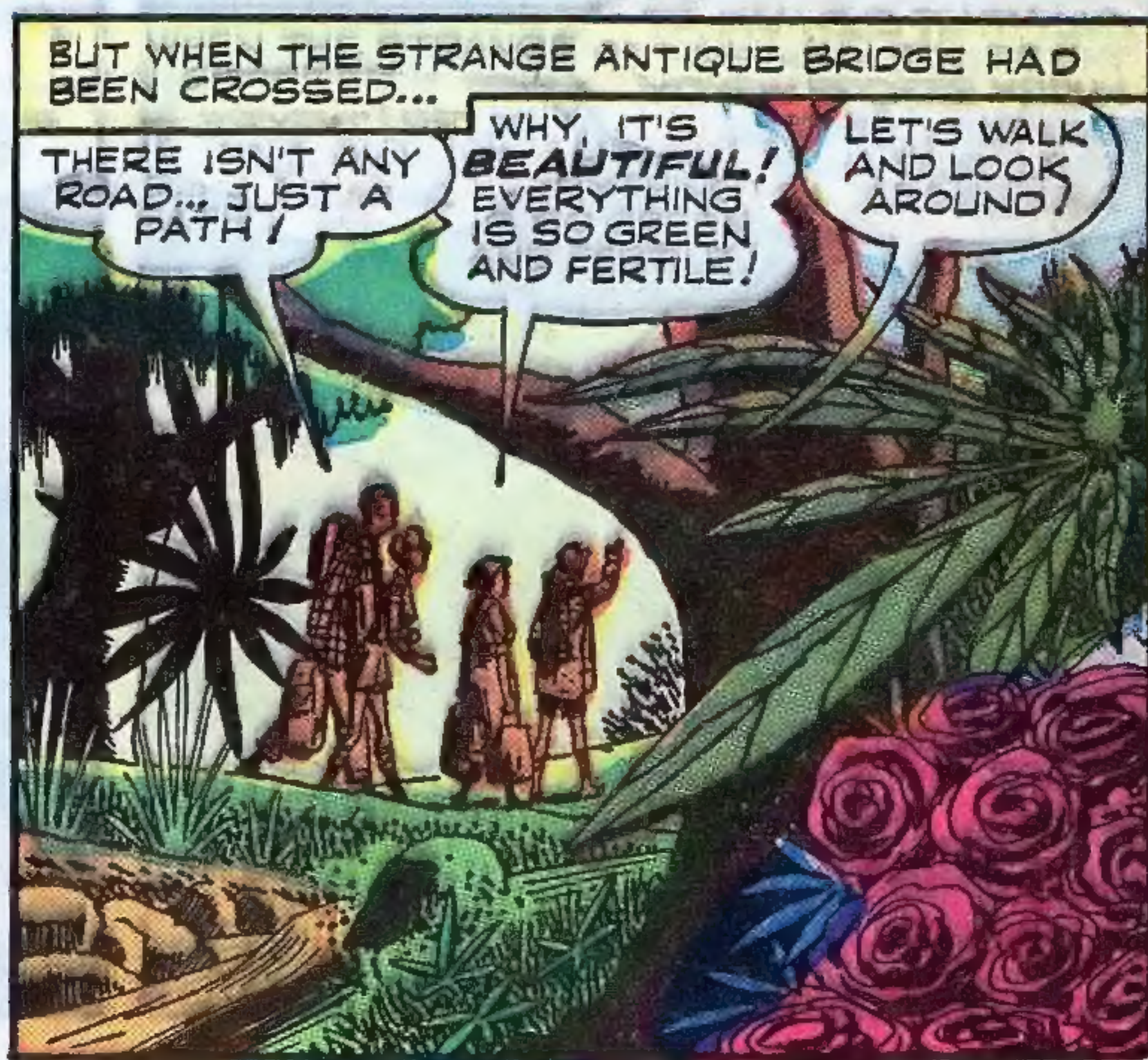
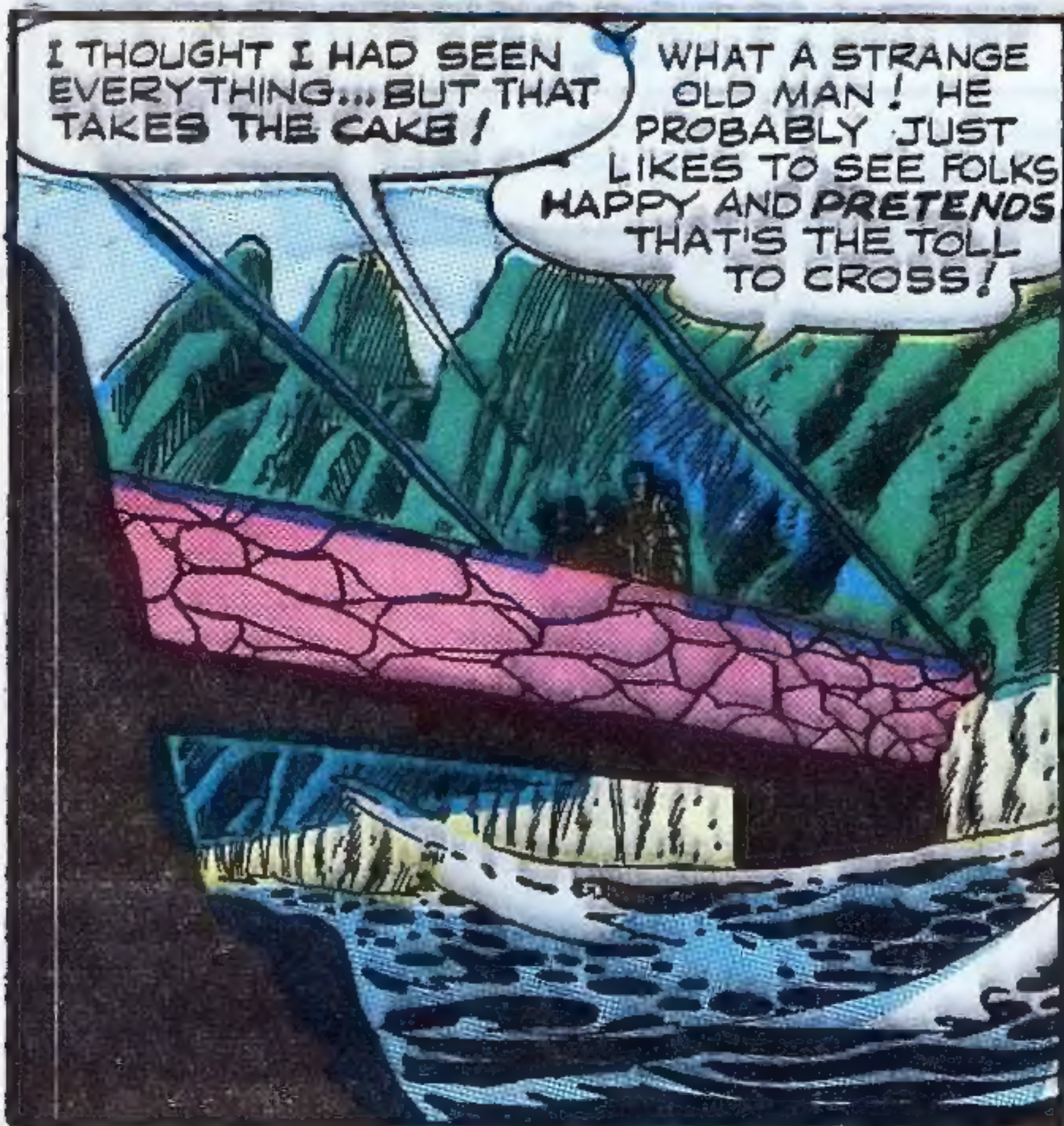
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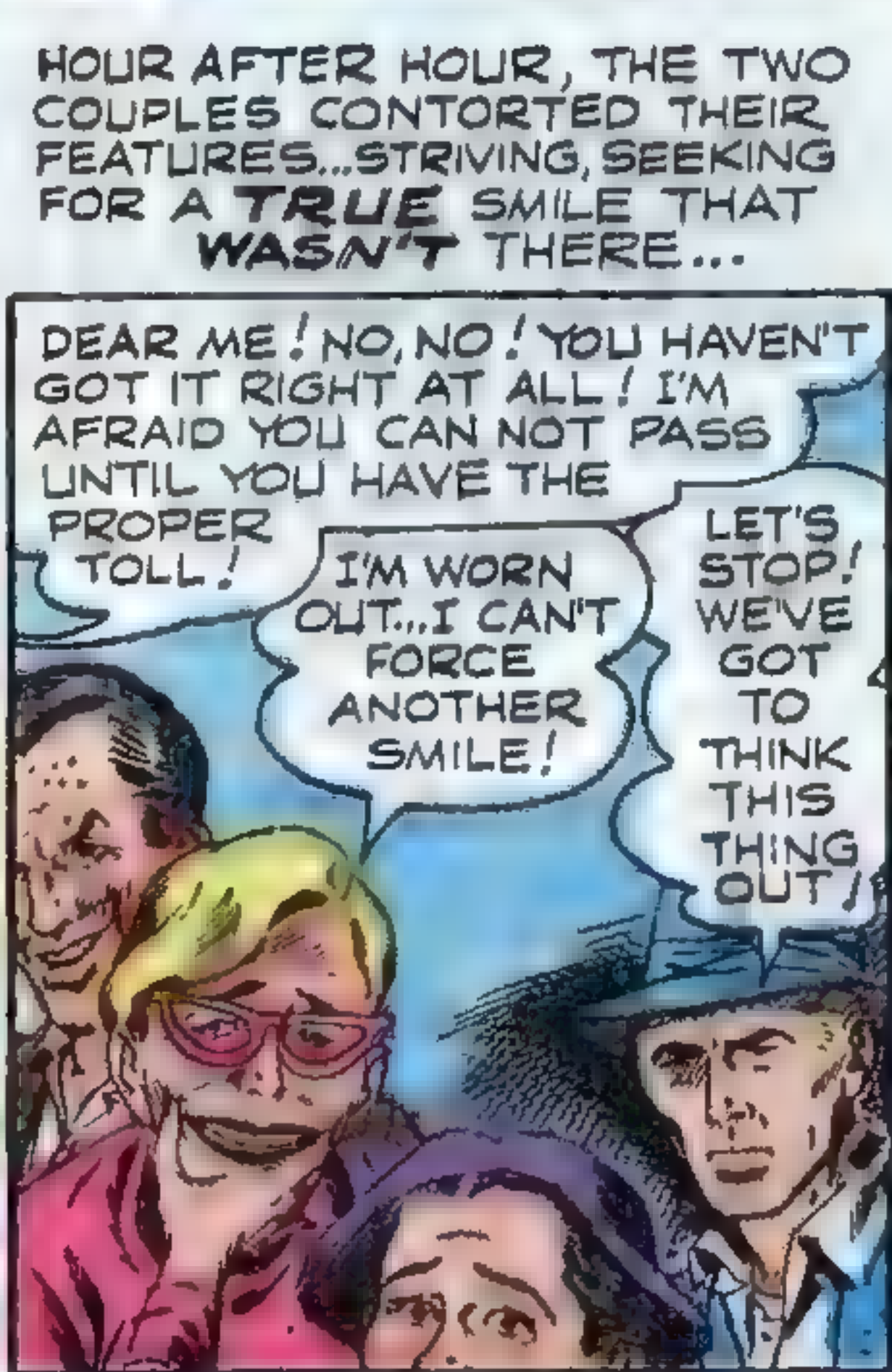
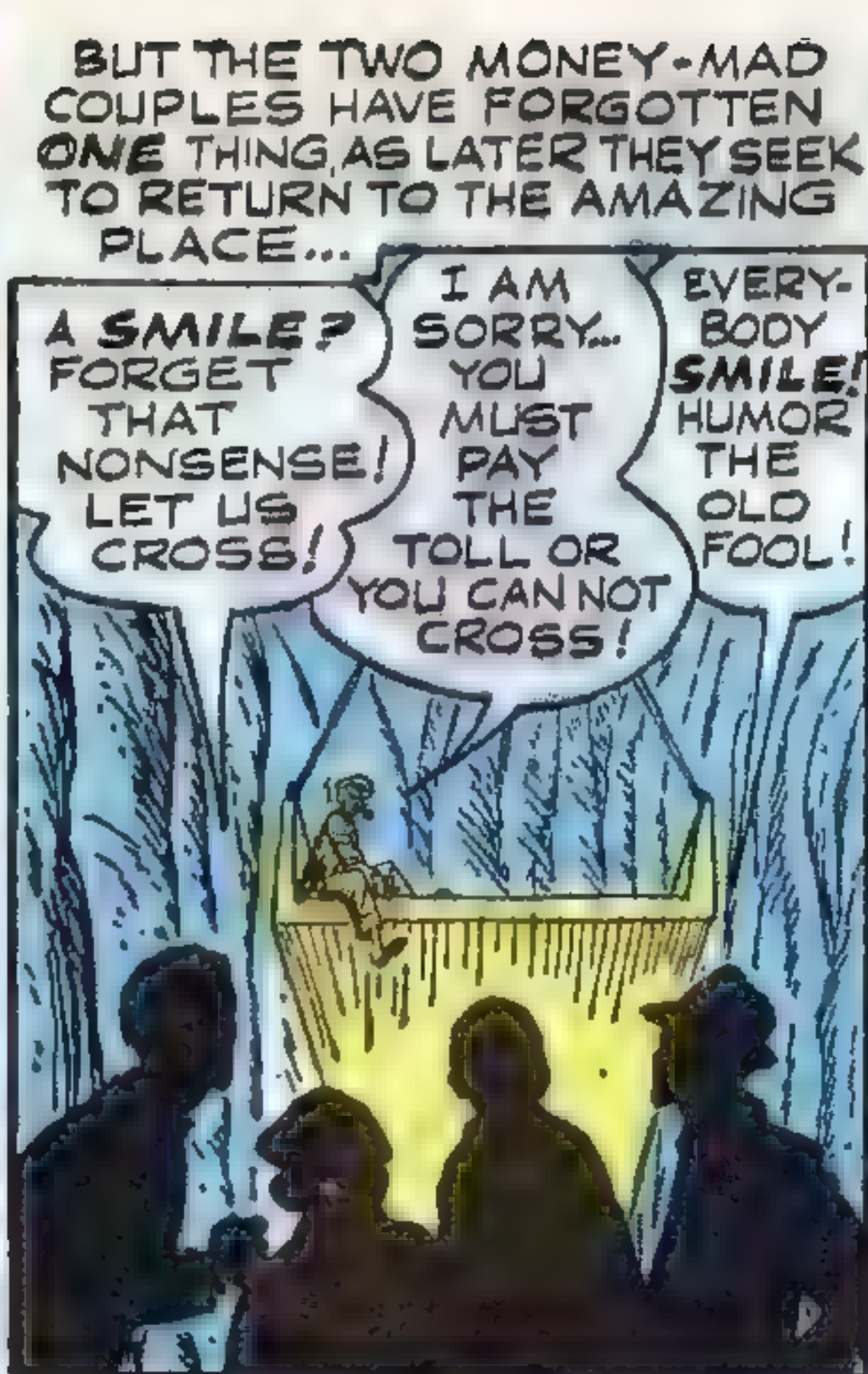
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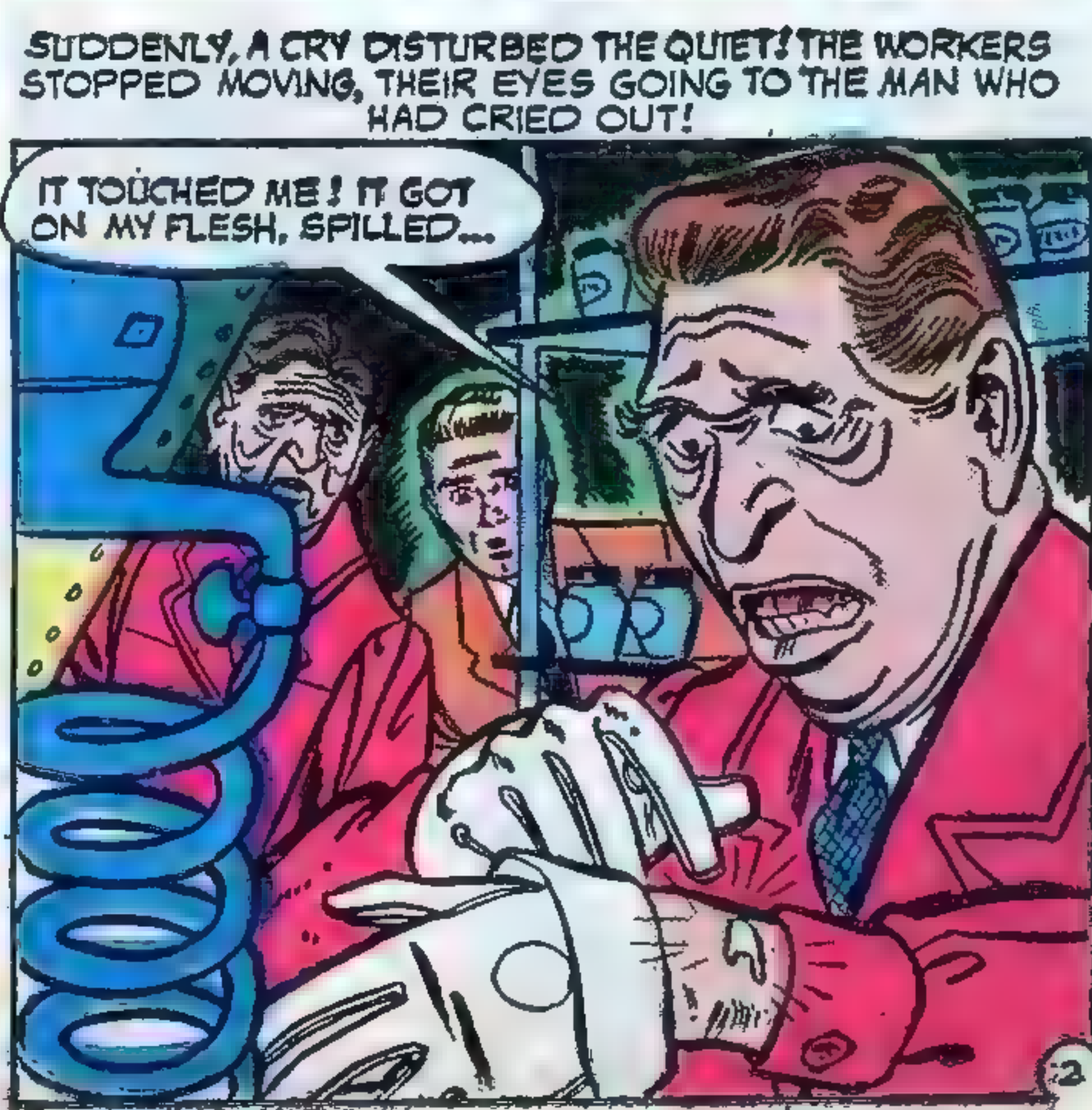
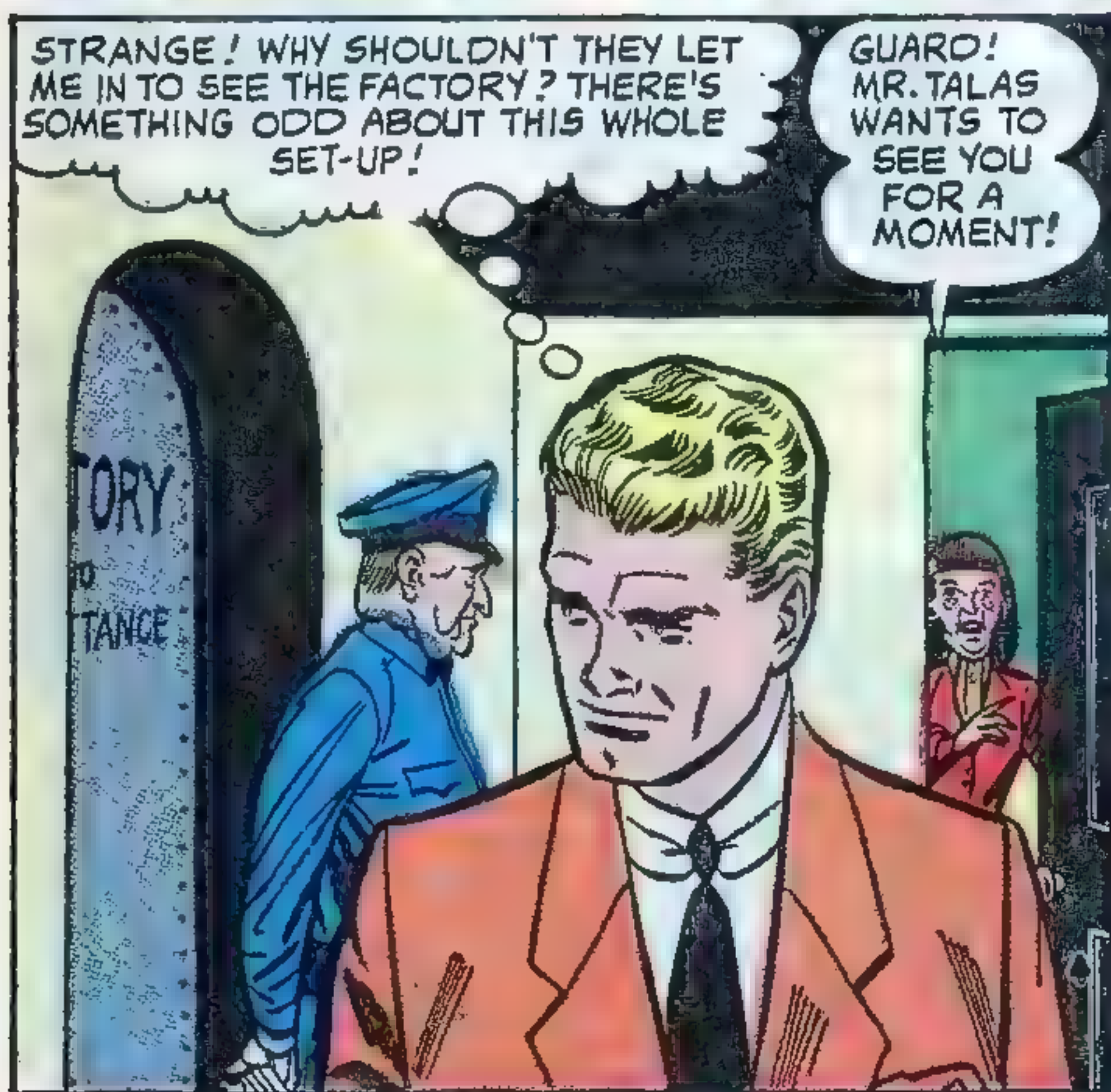
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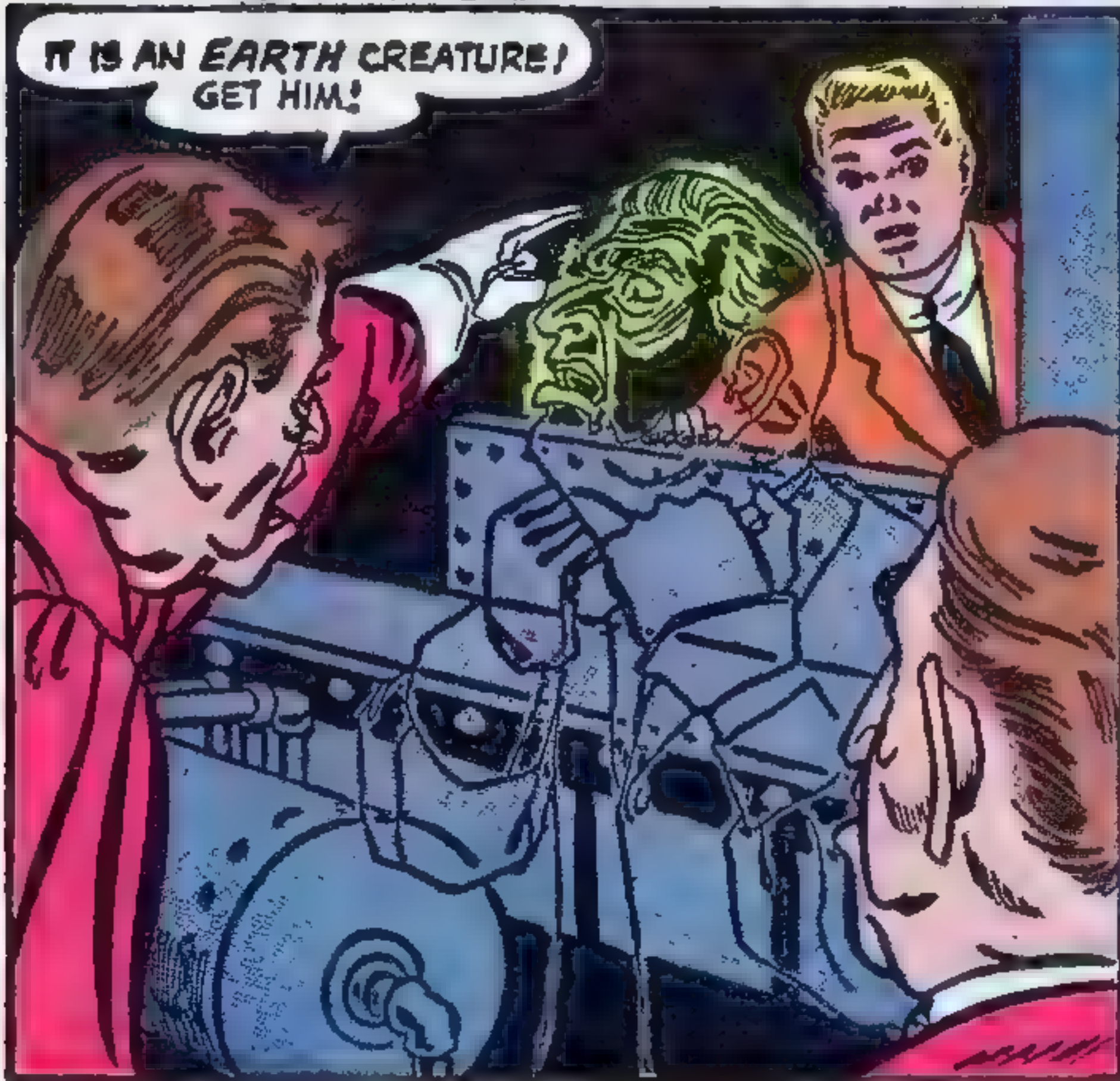
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AND AS JOHNNY WATCHED, A FANTASTIC THING HAPPENED... THE WORKER DISAPPEARED... VANISHED INTO THIN AIR...

IT IS AN EARTH CREATURE!
GET HIM!



SOUND THE ALARM! HE HAS SEEN AND HE MUST NOT ESCAPE!

THAT GUY DISAPPEARED RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES JUST FROM GETTING SOME OF THAT CREAM ON HIM! VANISHING CREAM IS RIGHT!



GATES ALL CLOSED AND GUARDED! OH, BROTHER, AM I IN A SPOT...



THEY CALLED ME AN "EARTH CREATURE"! I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THEM! THEY AREN'T PEOPLE... THEY JUST LOOK LIKE PEOPLE!



JOHNNY DARTED THROUGH THE DOOR! IT WAS THE MANAGER'S OFFICE... EMPTY!

I'LL OPEN THE DOOR TO THE CORRIDOR, SO THEY'LL THINK I RAN ON THROUGH, THEN GO HIDE IN A CLOSET HERE! IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE...



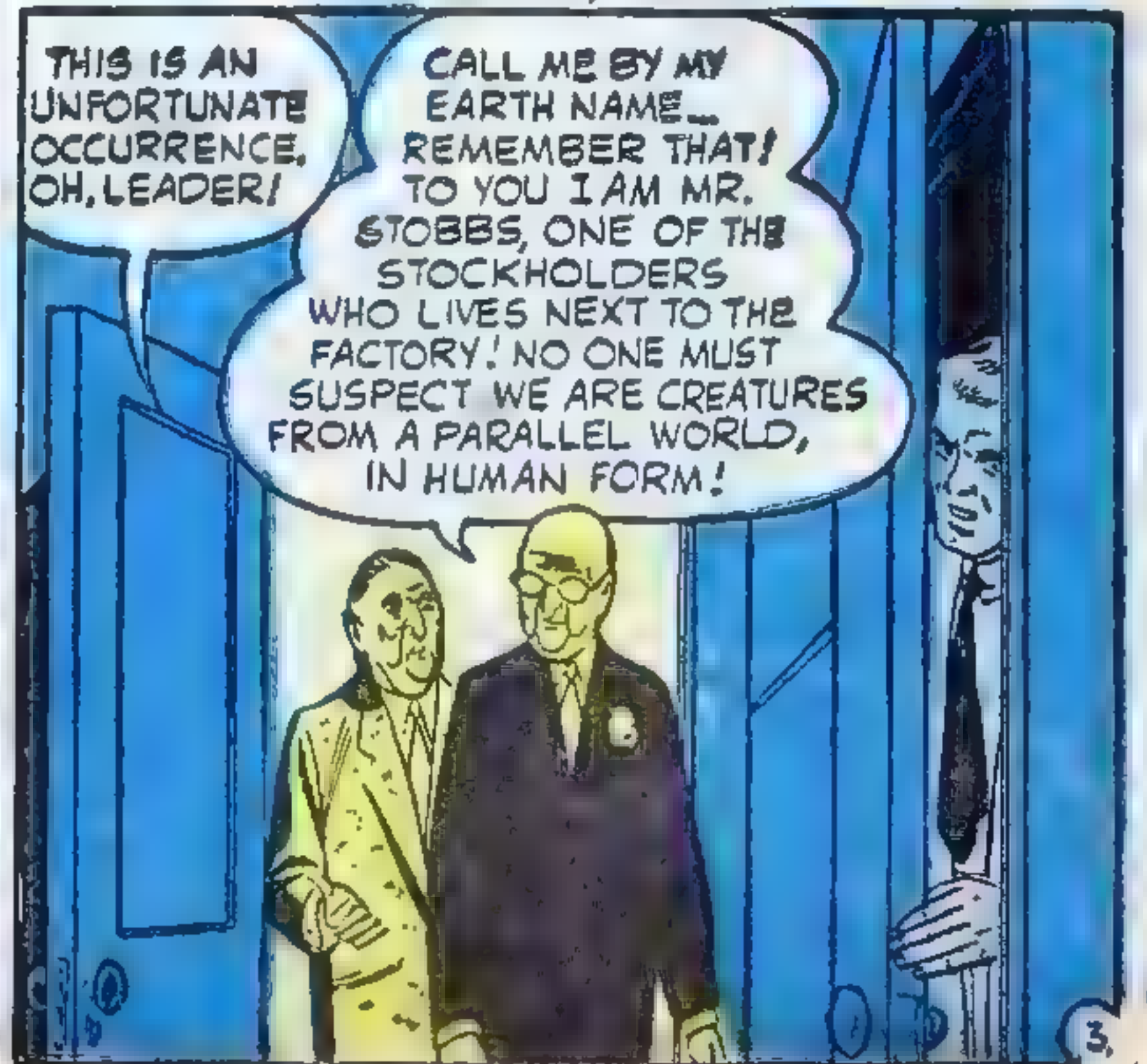
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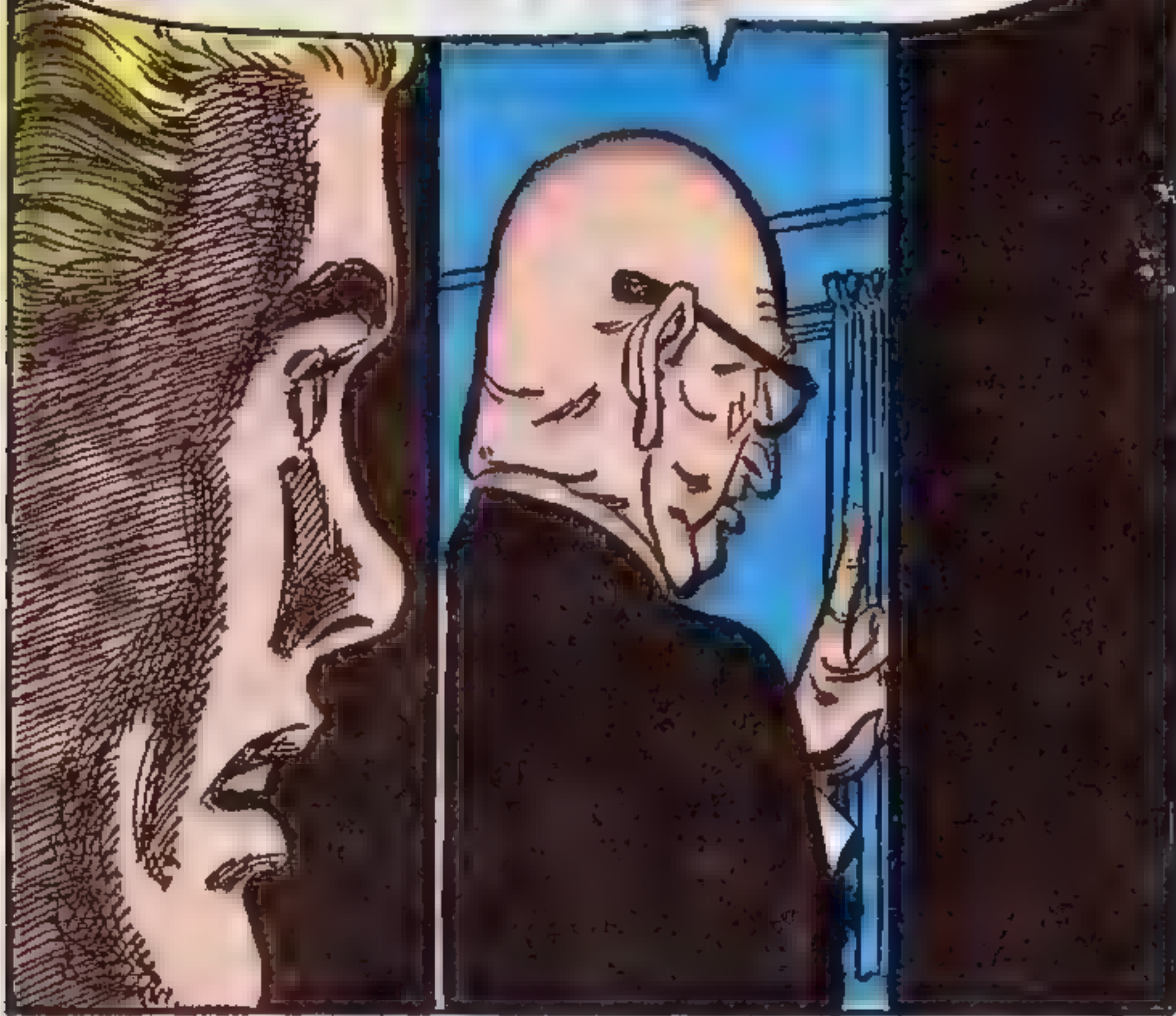
HE HEARD THEM SEARCHING AND CALLING TO EACH OTHER IN SOME STRANGE TONGUE! DARKNESS CRYPT INTO THE ROOM AND HE WAS ABOUT TO EASE OUT OF HIS REFUGE, WHEN...

THIS IS AN UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE, OH, LEADER!

CALL ME BY MY EARTH NAME... REMEMBER THAT! TO YOU I AM MR. STOBBS, ONE OF THE STOCKHOLDERS WHO LIVES NEXT TO THE FACTORY! NO ONE MUST SUSPECT WE ARE CREATURES FROM A PARALLEL WORLD, IN HUMAN FORM!



NO ONE MUST SUSPECT THIS CREAM WE MANUFACTURE ACTS ON BODY CELLS, **OURS** AS WELL AS HUMANS! THAT HUMANS USING OUR CREAM WILL VANISH INTO OUR WORLD FOR STUDY BY OUR SCIENTISTS!



IN THE DARKNESS, JOHNNY SLIPPED OUT, KEEPING TO THE SHADOWS...

IT ALSO CAUSES US TO VANISH BACK TO OUR OWN WORLD WHEN IT TOUCHES US! I'M WORRIED ABOUT OUR APPEARANCE! WE DO NOT HAVE THE HEALTHY LOOK OF TRUE HUMANS AND OUR FLESH SAGS...

YES, IT IS A MAJOR PROBLEM! IF WE COULD ONLY FIND SOME MEANS OF RECTIFYING IT!

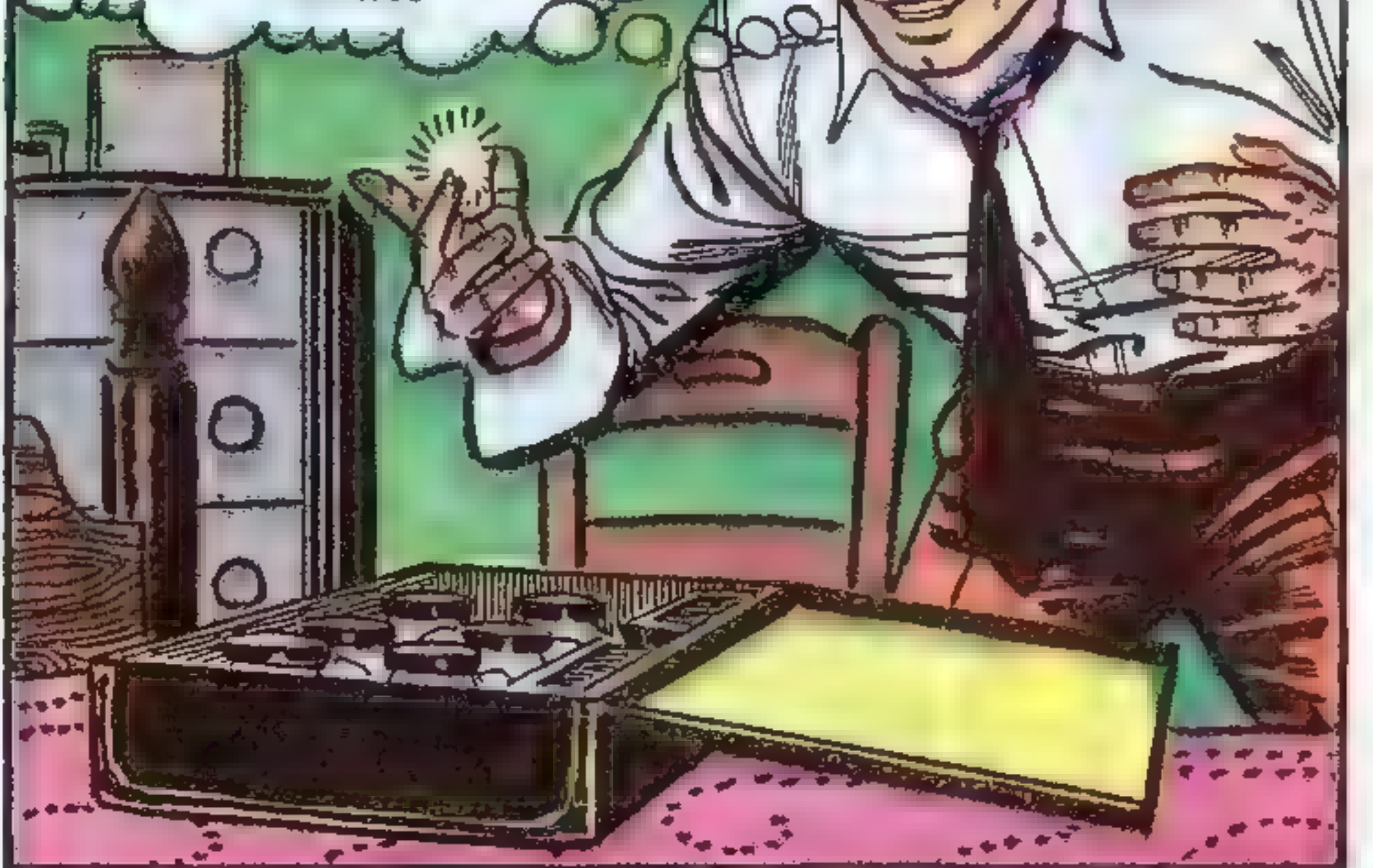


JOHNNY WENT HOME, BUT THINKING DID NO GOOD...

WHAT A FANTASTIC MESS THIS IS! CREATURES FROM A PARALLEL WORLD... VANISHING CREAM TO SEND HUMANS TO THEIR WORLD FOR OBSERVATION! I'VE GOT TO GET HOME... THINK THIS THING OUT!



I CAN'T GO TO ANYONE... NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME! WAIT! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! I'VE GOT SOME LABELS FROM THE JARS I SOLD ON THE LAST JOB... HEALTH CREAM, A SKIN TONIC THAT REDUCES SAGGING SKIN!



AN HOUR LATER, HE FOUND THE HOUSE NEXT TO THE FACTORY, RANG THE BELL AND BEGAN HIS SPIEL TO MR. STOBBS...

I TELL YOU, SIR, THIS IS A REAL MIRACLE CREAM! ALMOST OVERNIGHT, YOU'LL SEE A NEW GLOW TO THE SKIN, LINES WILL VANISH... SAGGING FLESH BECOMES FIRM AND ELASTIC!

I HAVE A SPECIAL NEED FOR IT! I'LL TAKE ALL YOU HAVE!



I PUT IT OVER! LUCKY HE DIDN'T SEE ME AT THE FACTORY! NOW IF HE'LL ORDER ALL OF THOSE CREATURES TO USE THE CREAM...



TWO DAYS LATER, JOHNNY WENT BACK TO THE FACTORY NEIGHBORHOOD...

YEAH, THEY TOOK OFF OVERNIGHT WITHOUT A WORD TO ANYBODY! THEY JUST **VANISHED!**

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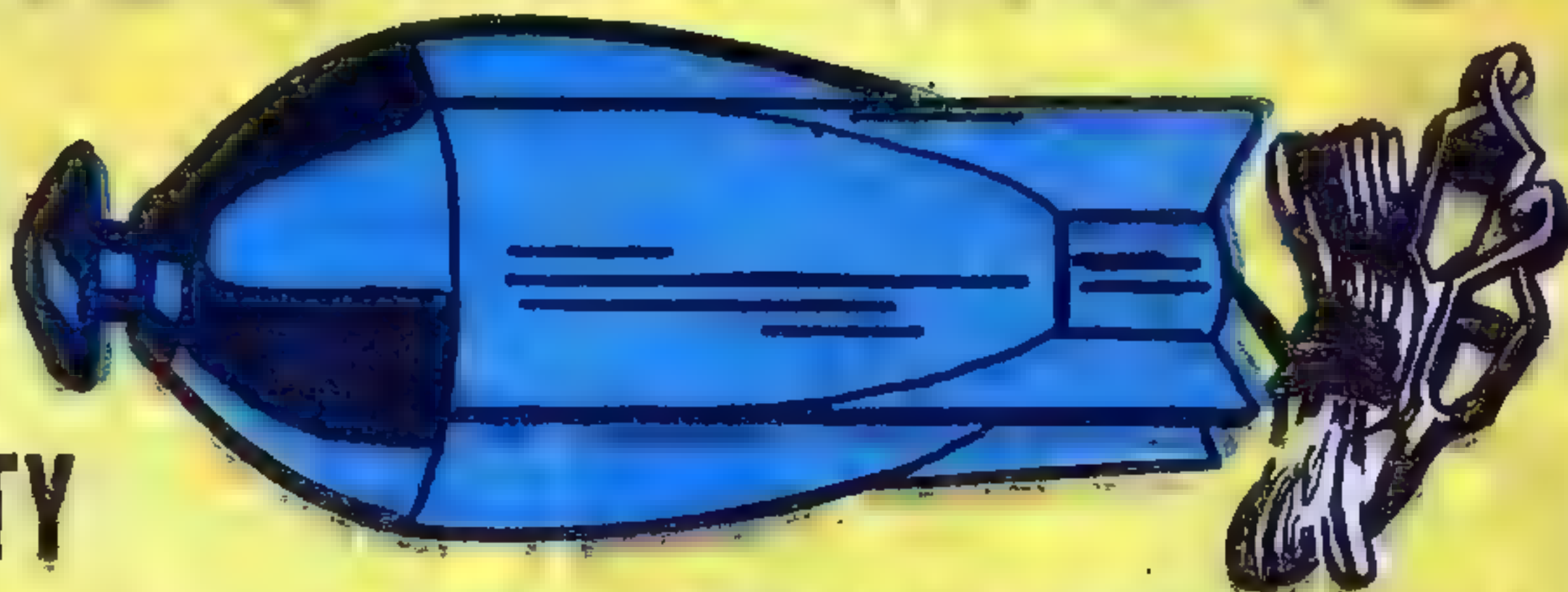
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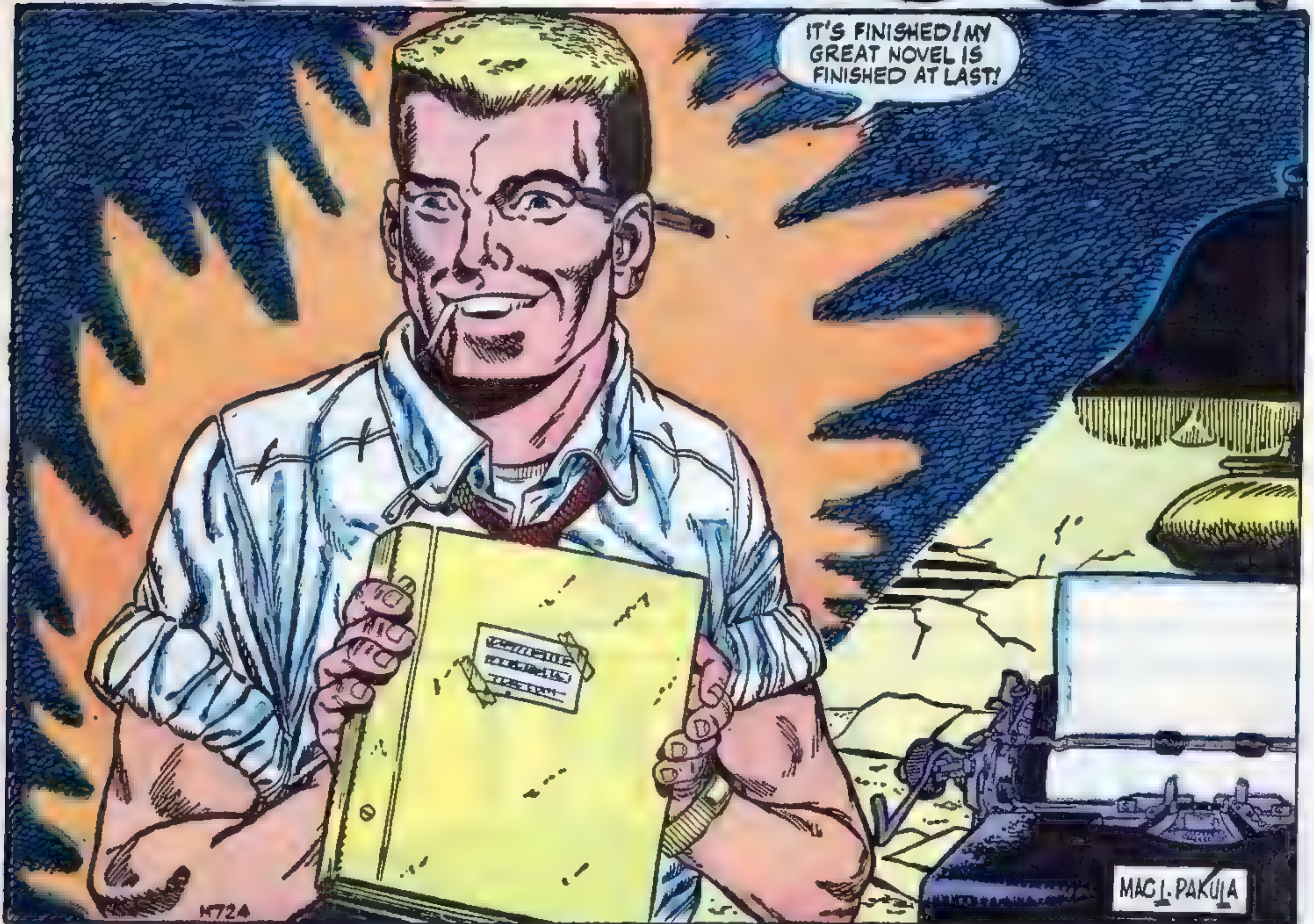
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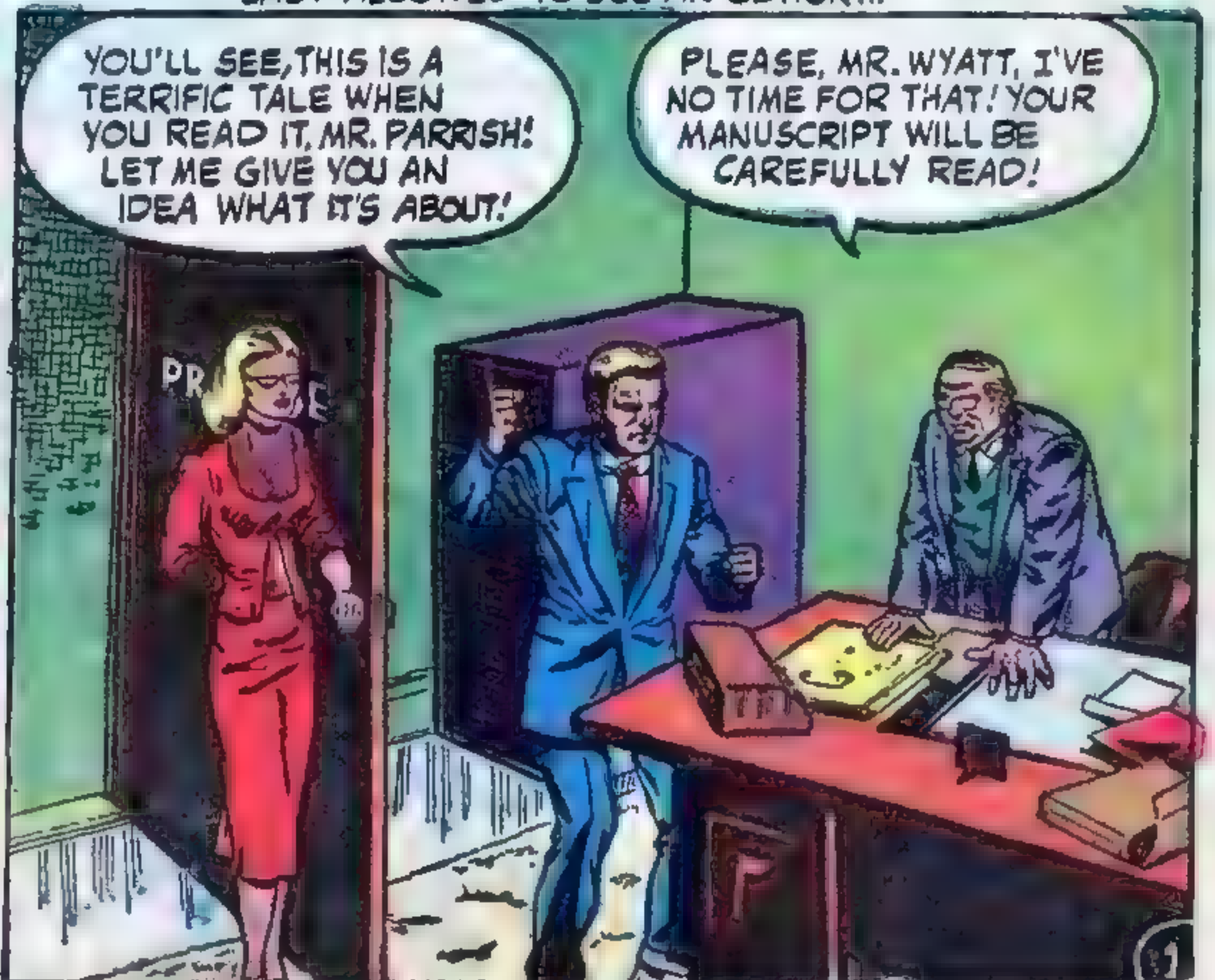
SUCCESS GREW OUT OF VICTOR WYATT'S DESPERATION...HE BECAME RICH AND FAMOUS BY
WRITING A BOOK NOBODY EVER READ!

THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH

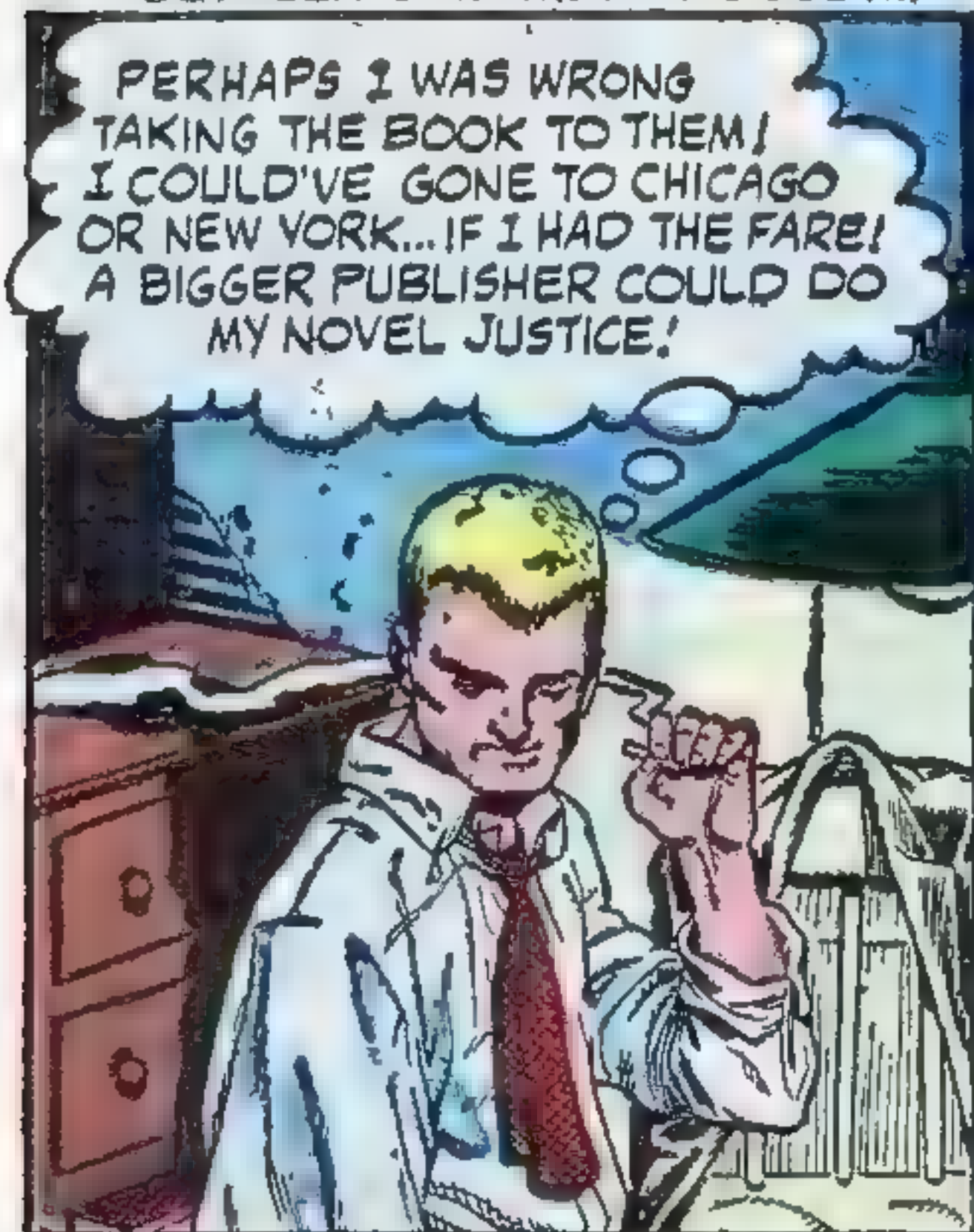


WITH THE MANUSCRIPT IN HAND, VICTOR WYATT
HASTENED EARLY NEXT MORNING TO THE CITY'S
LARGEST PUBLISHERS...

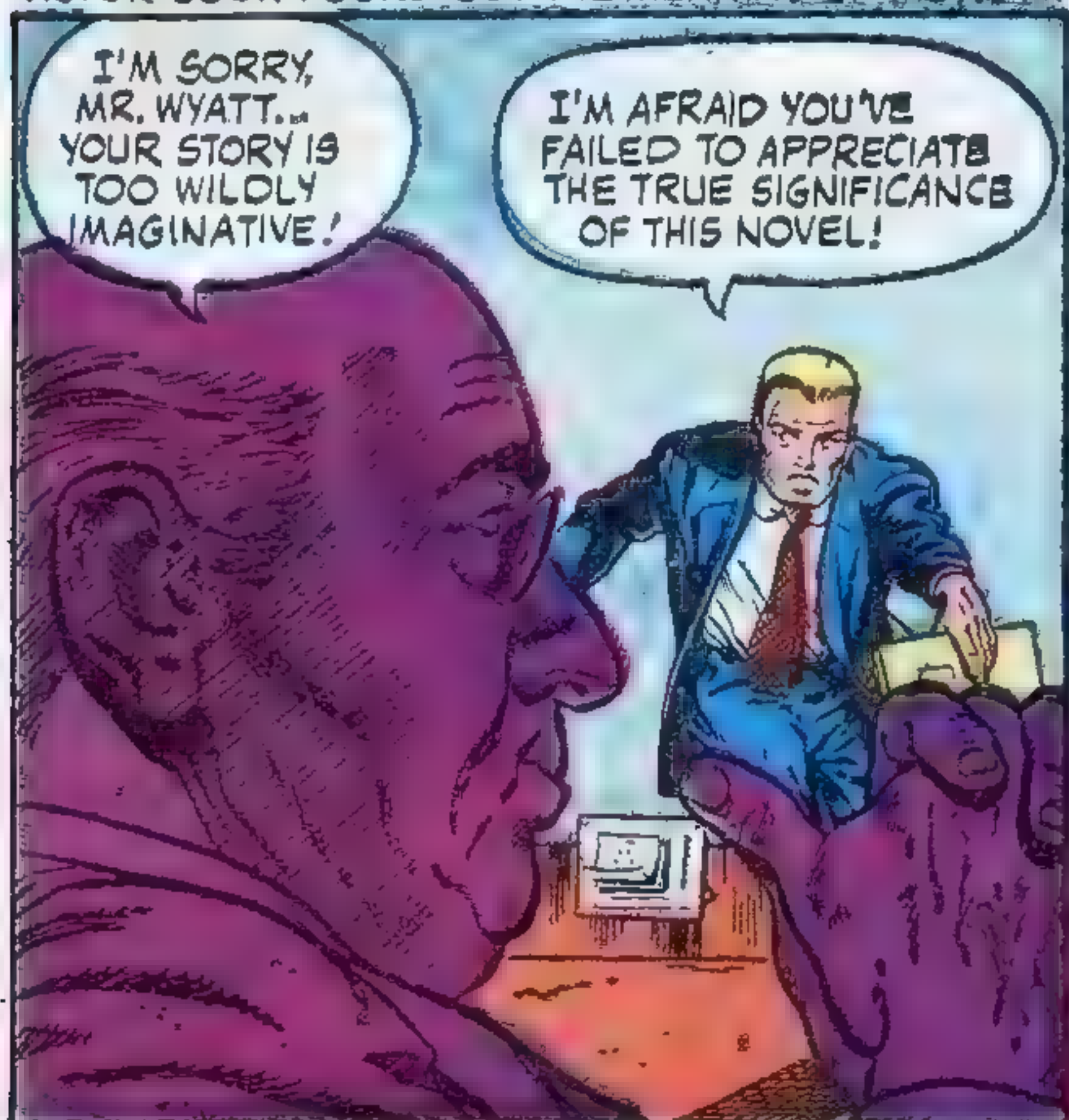
HE PACED THE RECEPTION ROOM FOR AN HOUR, UNTIL HE WAS AT
LAST ALLOWED TO SEE AN EDITOR...



THE DAYS DRAGGED BY WITH PAINFUL SLOWNESS FOR VICTOR WYATT. HE WAS OVERWHELMED WITH IMPATIENCE, TORN BETWEEN DREAMS AND DOUBT...



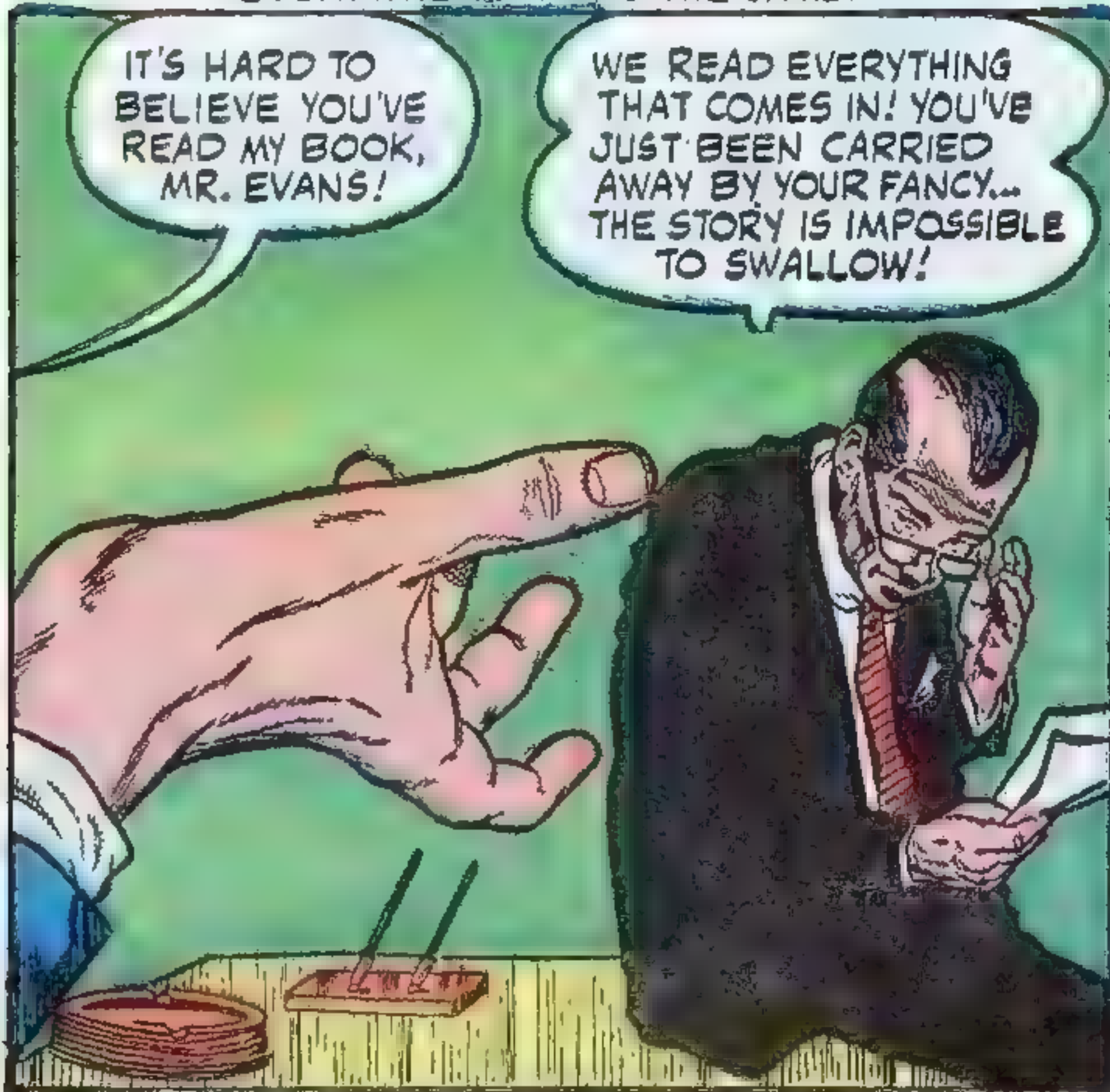
VICTOR SOON FOUND OUT THE MEANING OF THE NOTE!



THERE WERE OTHER LARGE PUBLISHERS TO WHOM VICTOR WYATT SUBMITTED HIS PRECIOUS MANUSCRIPT...



EVERYWHERE IT WAS THE SAME...



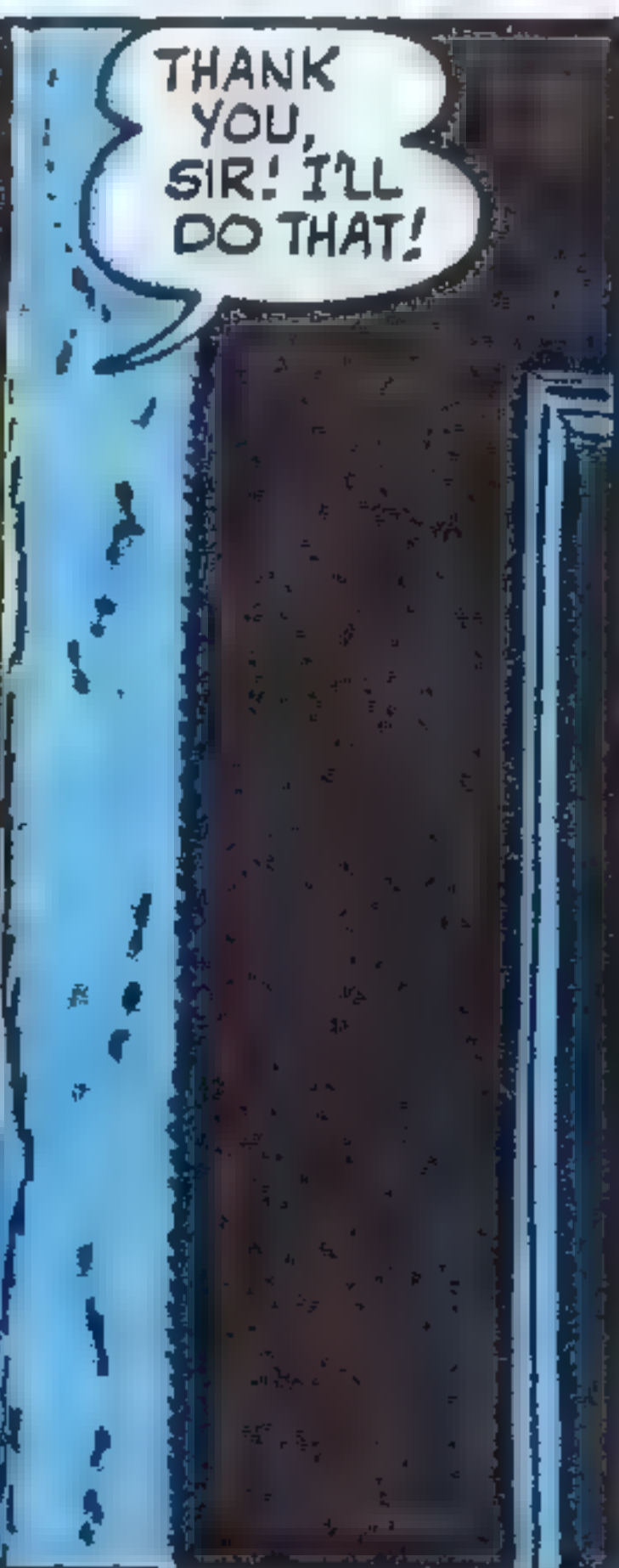
EVEN SMALL PUBLISHERS HAD SIMILAR OBJECTIONS TO THE WORK...



SO, AS HE WANDERED FROM ONE PUBLISHING HOUSE TO THE NEXT, VICTOR WYATT'S ROSY DREAMS OF SUCCESS FADED! JUST WHEN HE'D ABOUT GIVEN UP HOPE...



EMIL KURK AND COMPANY WAS A ONE-MAN ORGANIZATION! KURK HIMSELF, SITTING IN THE DEEP SHADOWS OF HIS SMALL OFFICE, WAS BARELY VISIBLE TO THE EAGER AUTHOR...



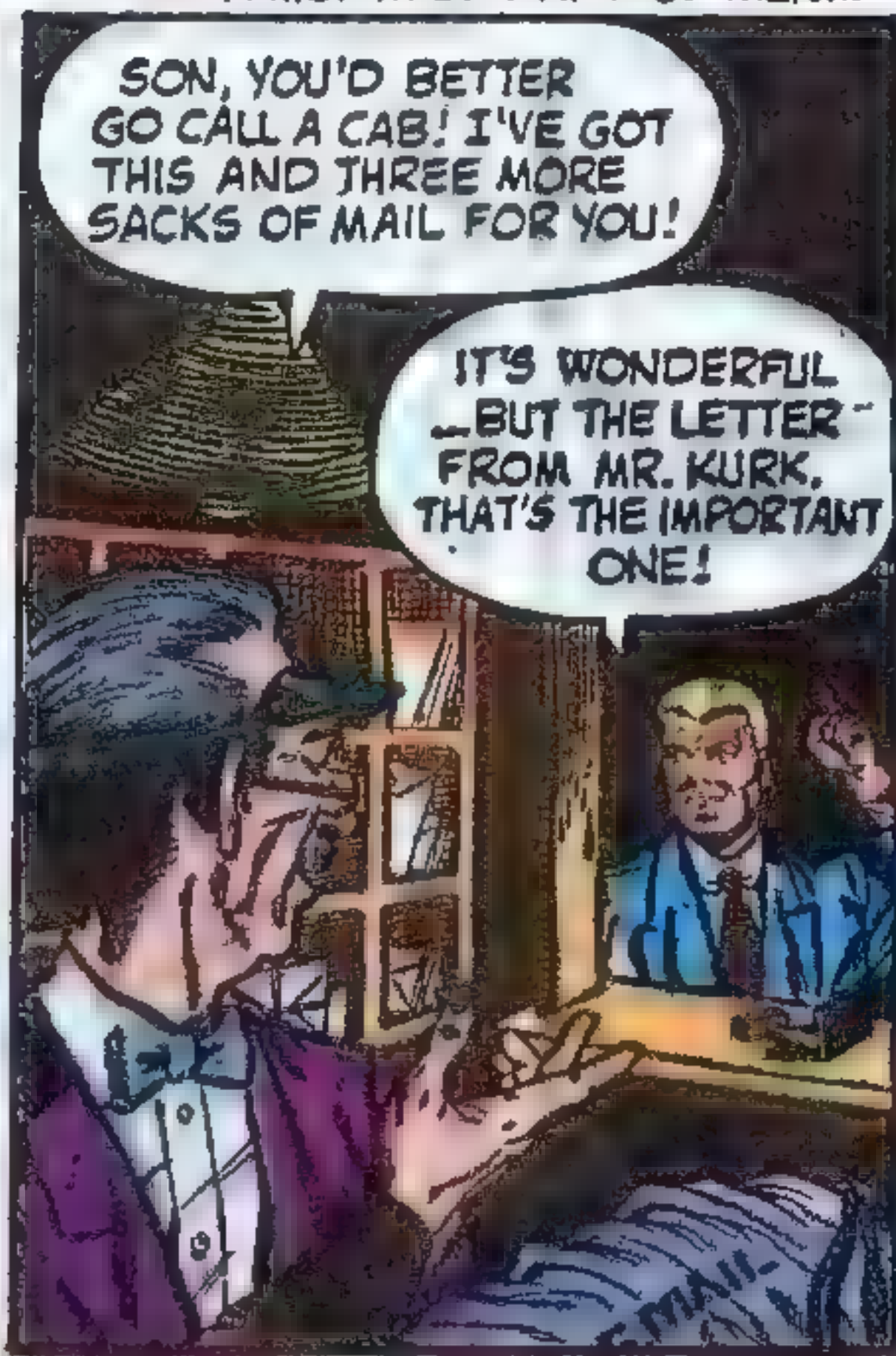
VICTOR'S DREAMS BEGAN TO REVIVE, AND THEY CAME FULLY TO LIFE WHEN HE PHONED EMIL KURK TWO DAYS LATER...



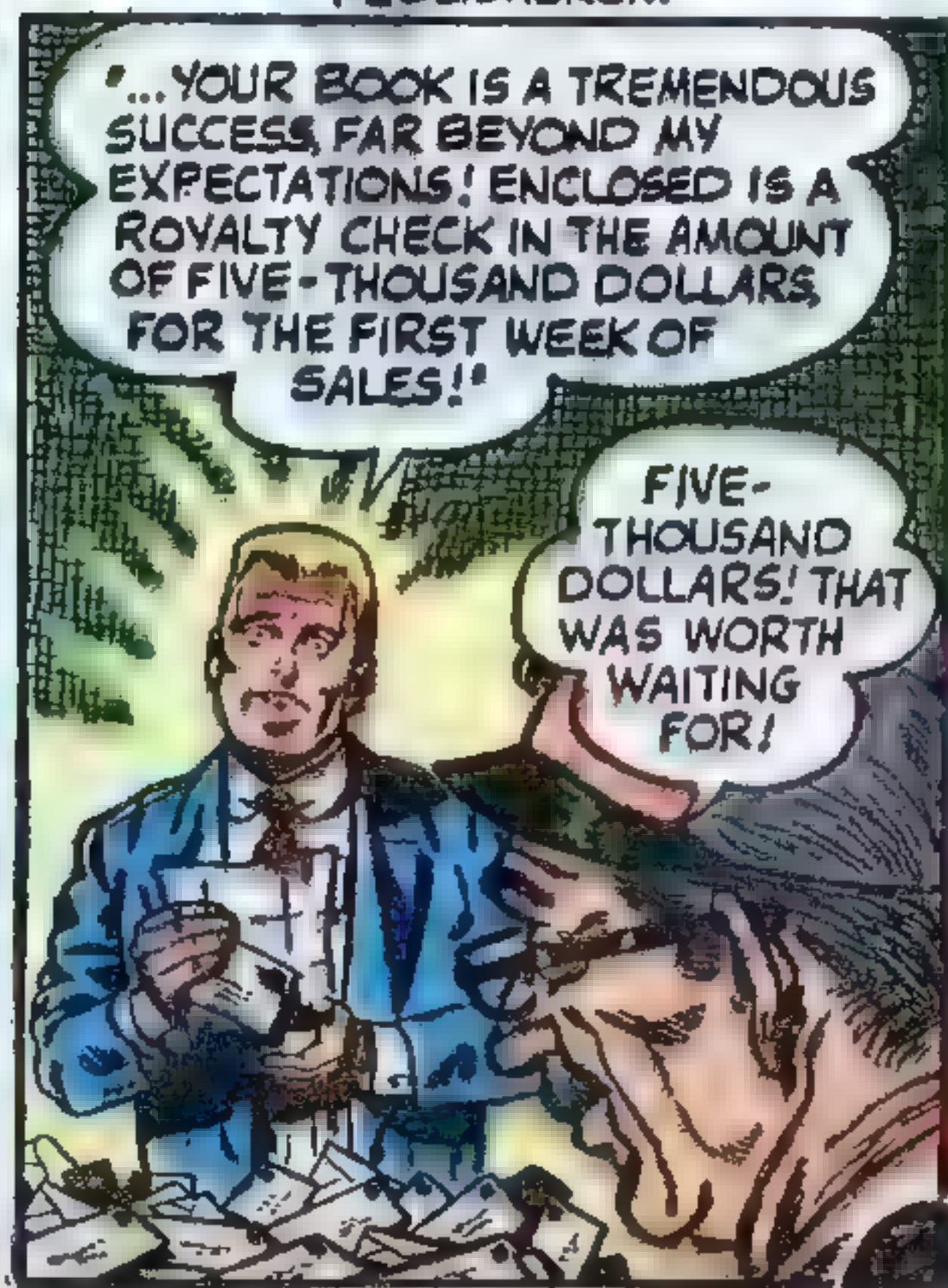
LONG DAYS OF WAITING FOLLOWED...



IT TOOK A MONTH OF WAITING! THEN...



VICTOR THRASHED THRU THE SACK TILL HE FOUND A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHERS...



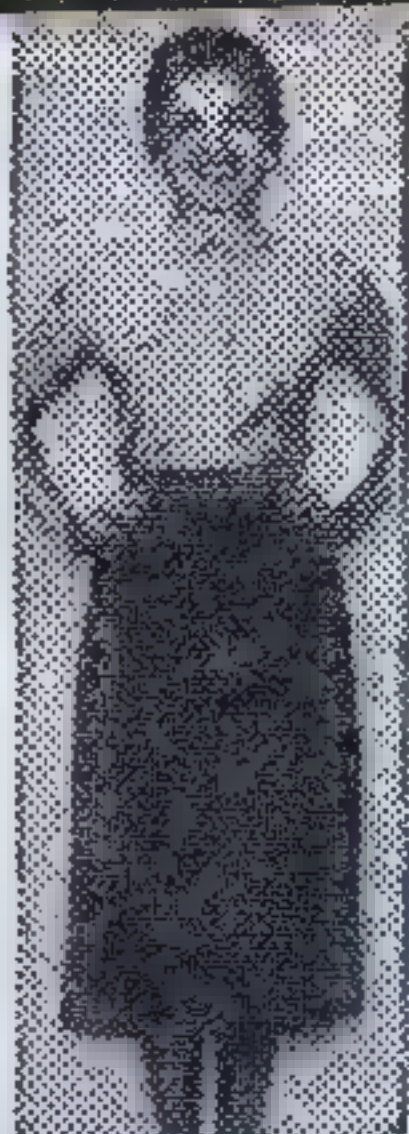
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Reducing Specialist Says:
LOSE WEIGHT

Where
It
Shows
Most

REDUCE

MOST ANY
PART OF
THE
BODY WITH



Connie Simmons, New York City, N. Y., says: "I went from size 16 dress to a size 12 with the use of the Spot Reducer. I am glad I used it."

Spot Reducer

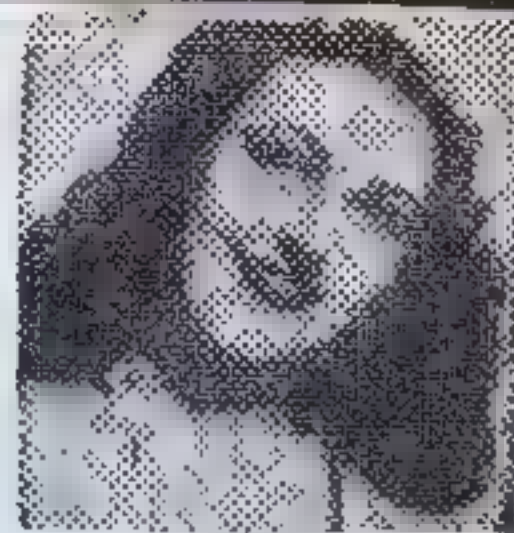
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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____



BUILD NEW, MIGHTY MUSCLE



ARMS, BACK, CHEST, LEGS

LATE THAT NIGHT...



ALL THESE LETTERS
PRAISING MY BOOK! FUNNY
THING, THOUGH, I HAVEN'T
SEEN MY BOOK ON SALE
ANYWHERE! I'M GOING
OUT AND TRY TO GET
A COPY!

LATER...

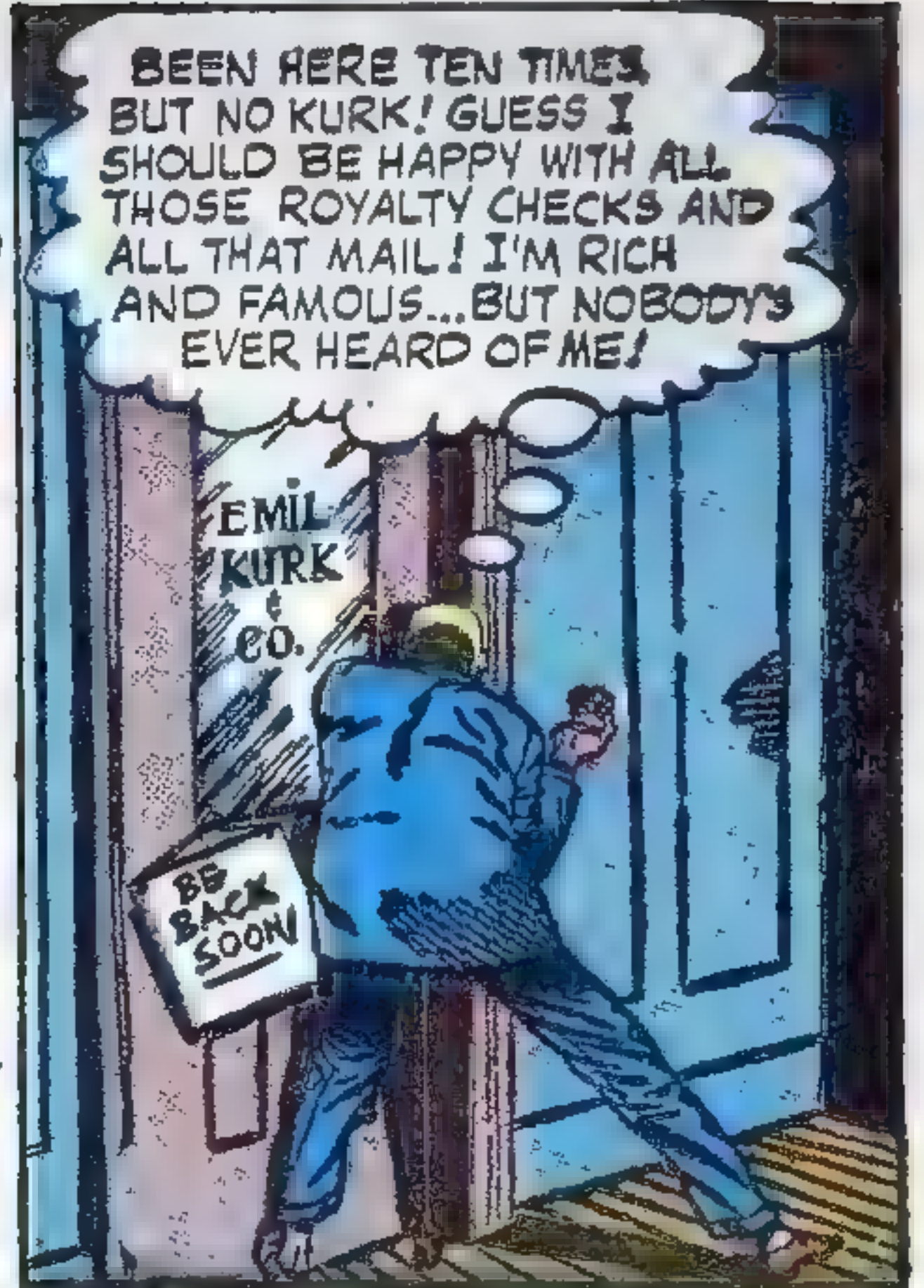


WE GET
EVERY NOVEL
THAT COMES
OUT, BUT I'VE
NEVER HEARD
OF THE ONE
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!

I'VE BEEN
TO SIX BOOK-
STORES, AND
NONE OF THEM
HAVE EVEN HEARD
OF MY BOOK!

BOO

A WEEK WENT BY...



BEEN HERE TEN TIMES
BUT NO KURK! GUESS I
SHOULD BE HAPPY WITH ALL
THOSE ROYALTY CHECKS AND
ALL THAT MAIL! I'M RICH
AND FAMOUS...BUT NOBODY'S
EVER HEARD OF ME!

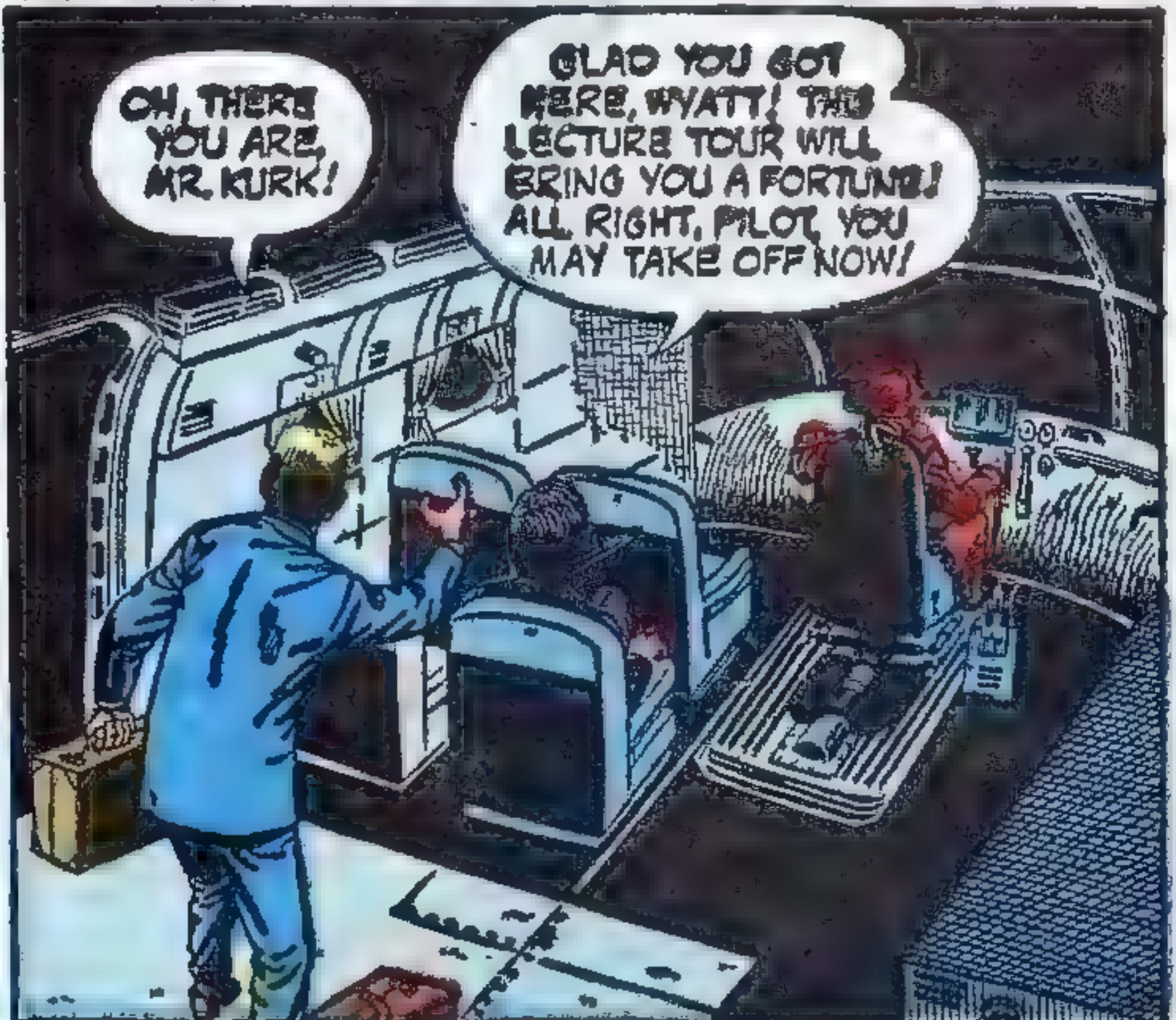
THAT NIGHT HE GOT A PHONE CALL...



I'VE GOT A LECTURE
TOUR LINED UP FOR YOU,
WYATT! PEOPLE ARE
CLAMORING TO SEE YOU!
HOW SOON CAN YOU
MEET ME AT THE
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT?

I'LL BE THERE IN
A HALF-HOUR, MR.
KURK! I'VE GOT
SO MANY THINGS
TO ASK YOU!

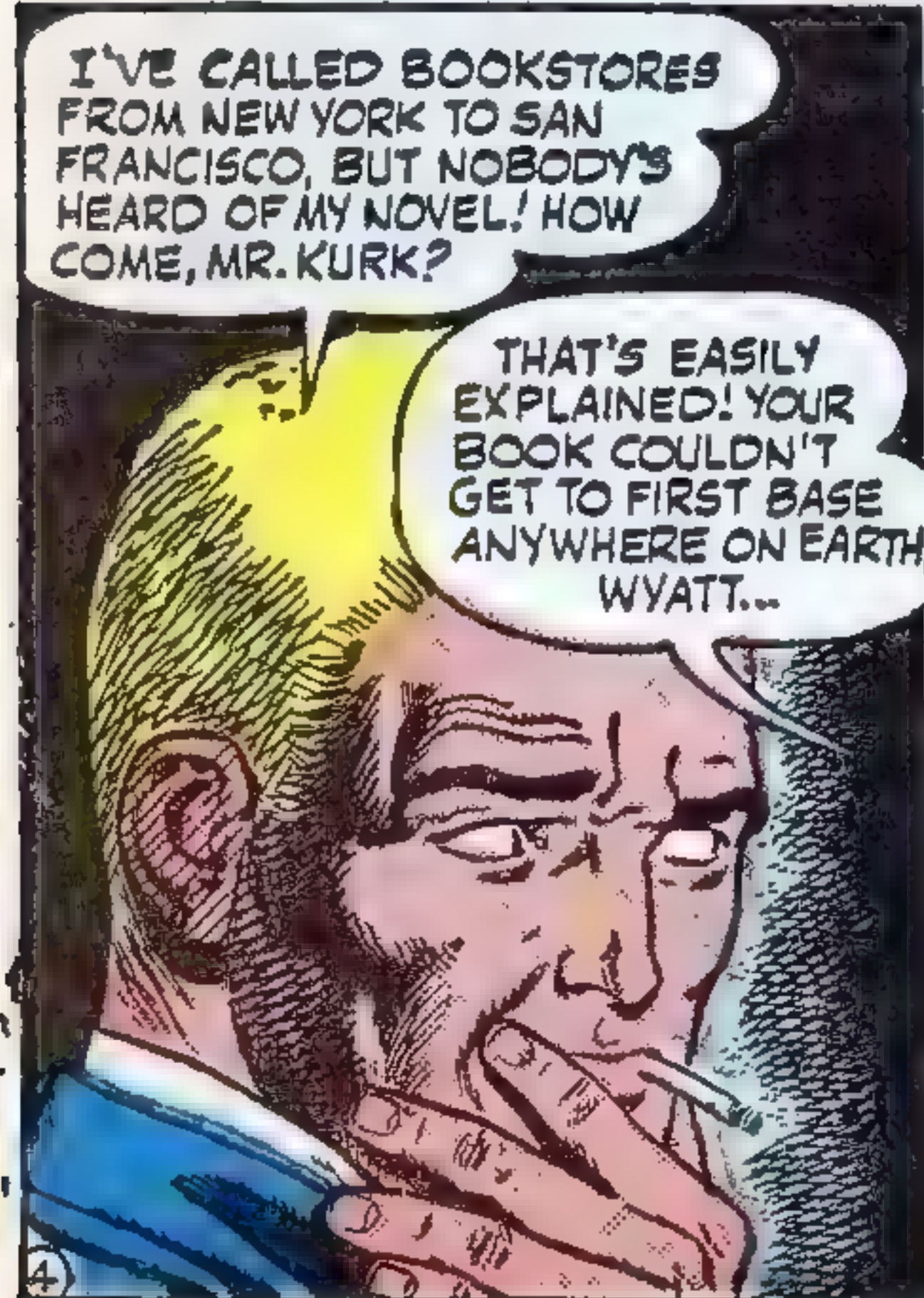
VICTOR FOUND THE GREAT PASSENGER SHIP, THOUGH IT WAS
ALMOST LOST IN THE BLACKNESS OF THE MOONLESS NIGHT...



OH, THERE
YOU ARE,
MR. KURK!

GLAD YOU GOT
HERE, WYATT! THIS
LECTURE TOUR WILL
BRING YOU A FORTUNE!
ALL RIGHT, PILOT, YOU
MAY TAKE OFF NOW!

THE SHIP TOOK OFF WITH A MIGHTY ROAR...



I'VE CALLED BOOKSTORES
FROM NEW YORK TO SAN
FRANCISCO, BUT NOBODY'S
HEARD OF MY NOVEL! HOW
COME, MR. KURK?

THAT'S EASILY
EXPLAINED! YOUR
BOOK COULDN'T
GET TO FIRST BASE
ANYWHERE ON EARTH,
WYATT...



...BUT IT'S CERTAINLY
A RAGE ON NEPTUNE,
MR. WYATT! I'VE READ
IT TWICE ALREADY!

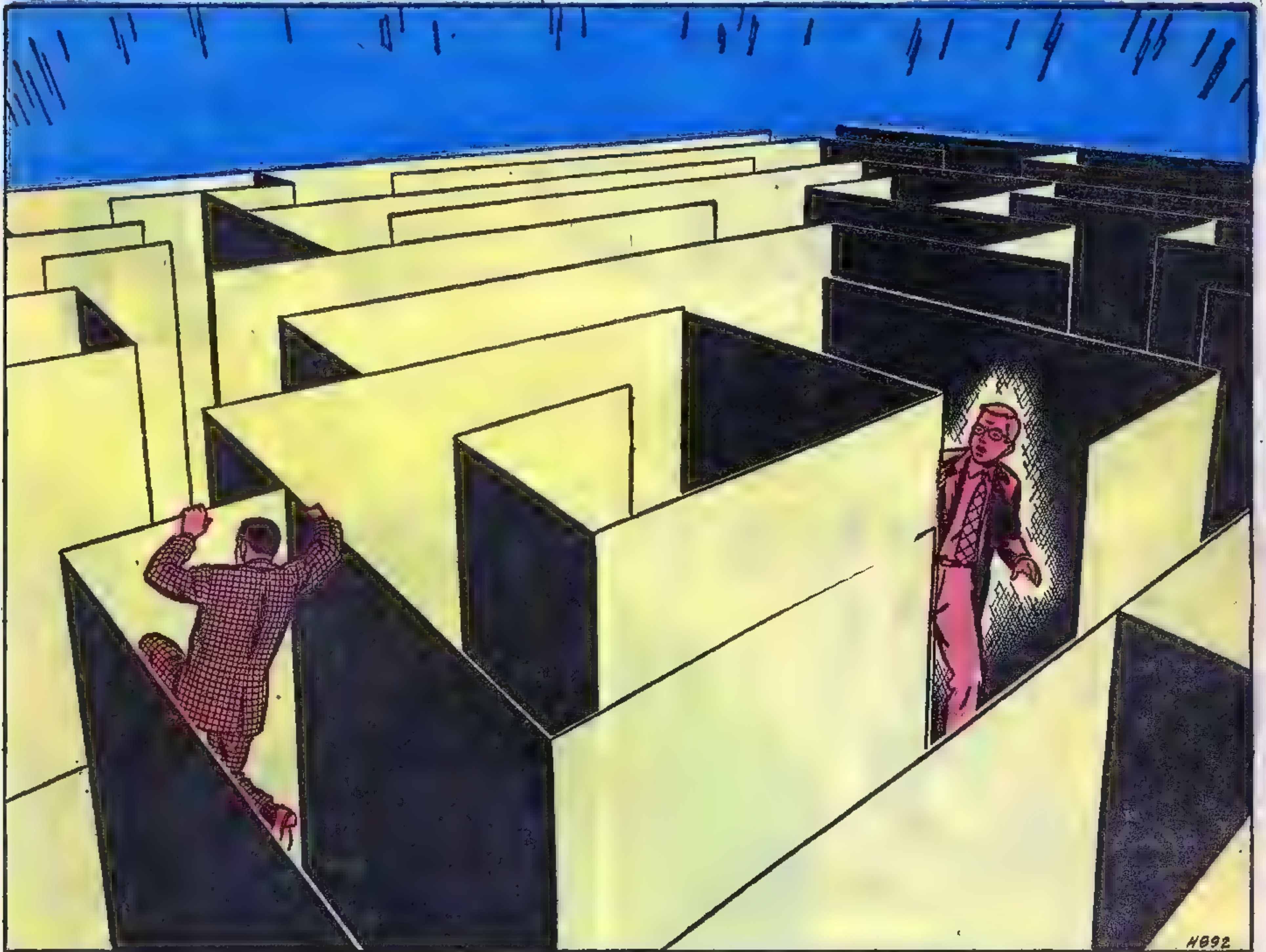


IT'S AMAZING THAT A MAN
WHO HAS NEVER BEEN THERE
BEFORE, CAN KNOW SO MUCH
ABOUT OUR PLANET!

THE END

ONE HALL LED TO ANOTHER, AND THE NEXT TO NEXT! AND STILL THERE WAS NO WAY OUT OF THE...

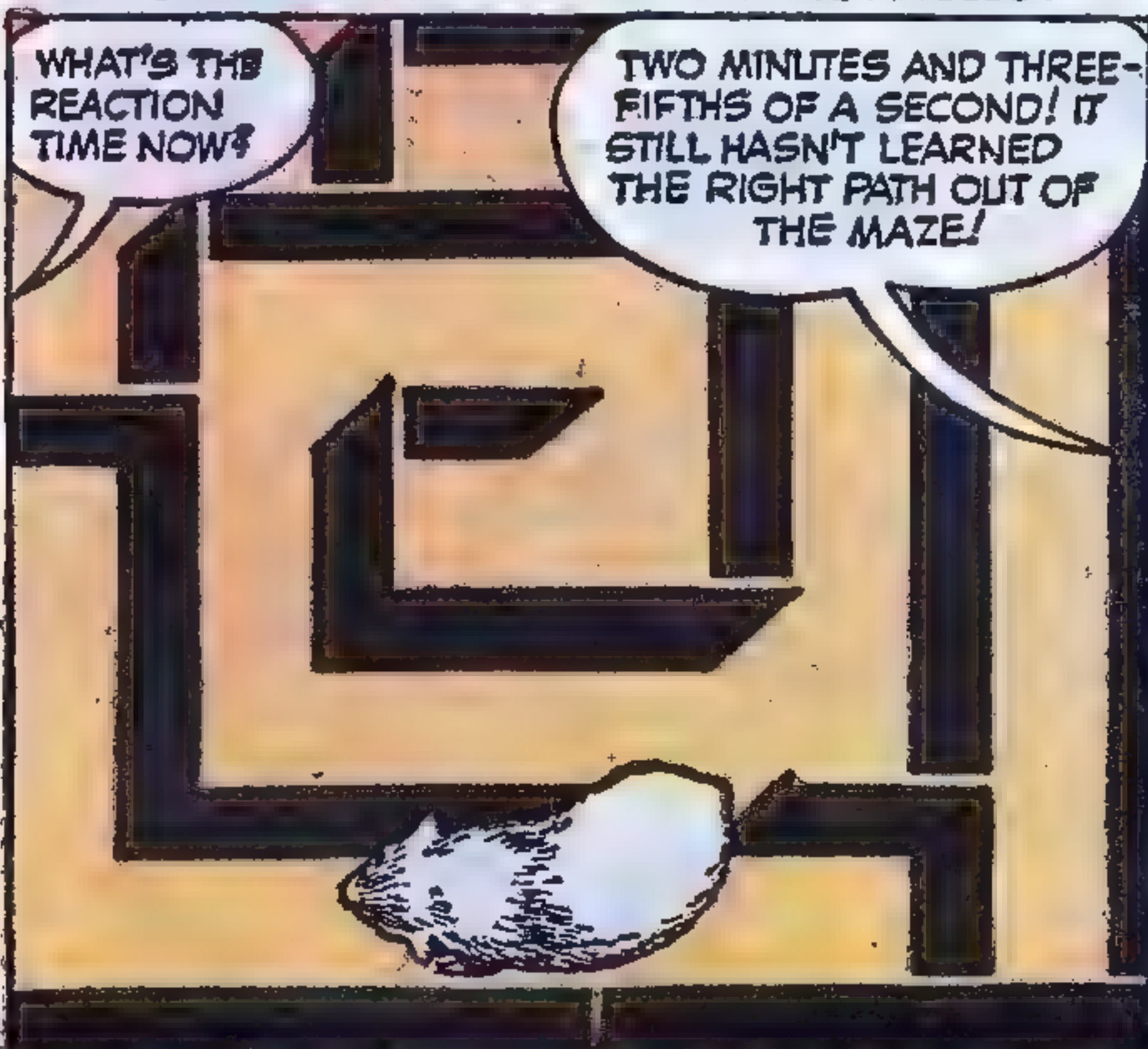
BLIND ALLEY



THE GUINEA PIG TURNED TO THE LEFT AND THEN TO THE RIGHT! BLIND ALLEYS FACED IT FROM ALL ANGLES!

WHAT'S THE REACTION TIME NOW?

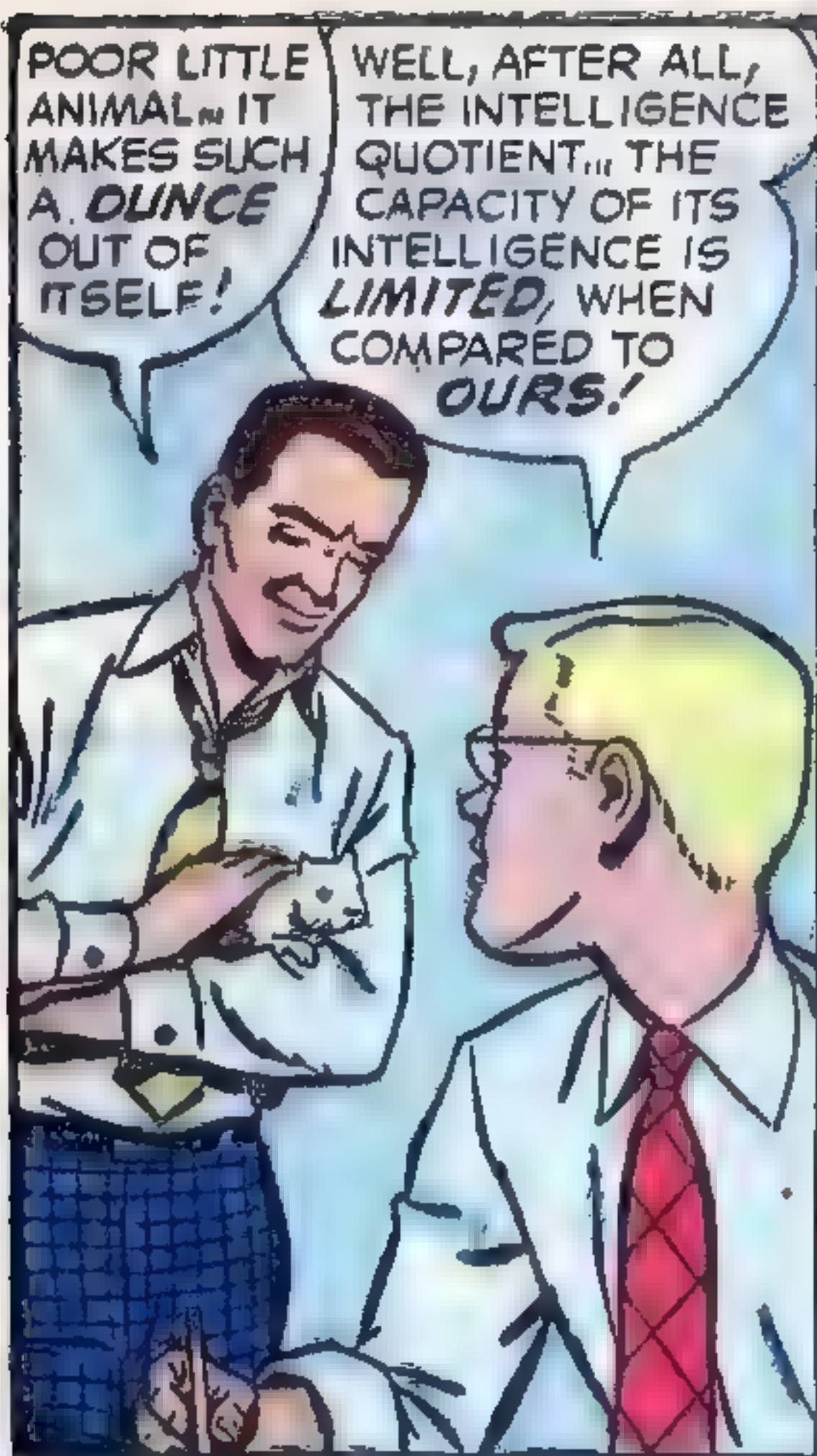
TWO MINUTES AND THREE-FIFTHS OF A SECOND! IT STILL HASN'T LEARNED THE RIGHT PATH OUT OF THE MAZE!



WE'LL HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN IN THE MORNING, TED! I'M BEAT!

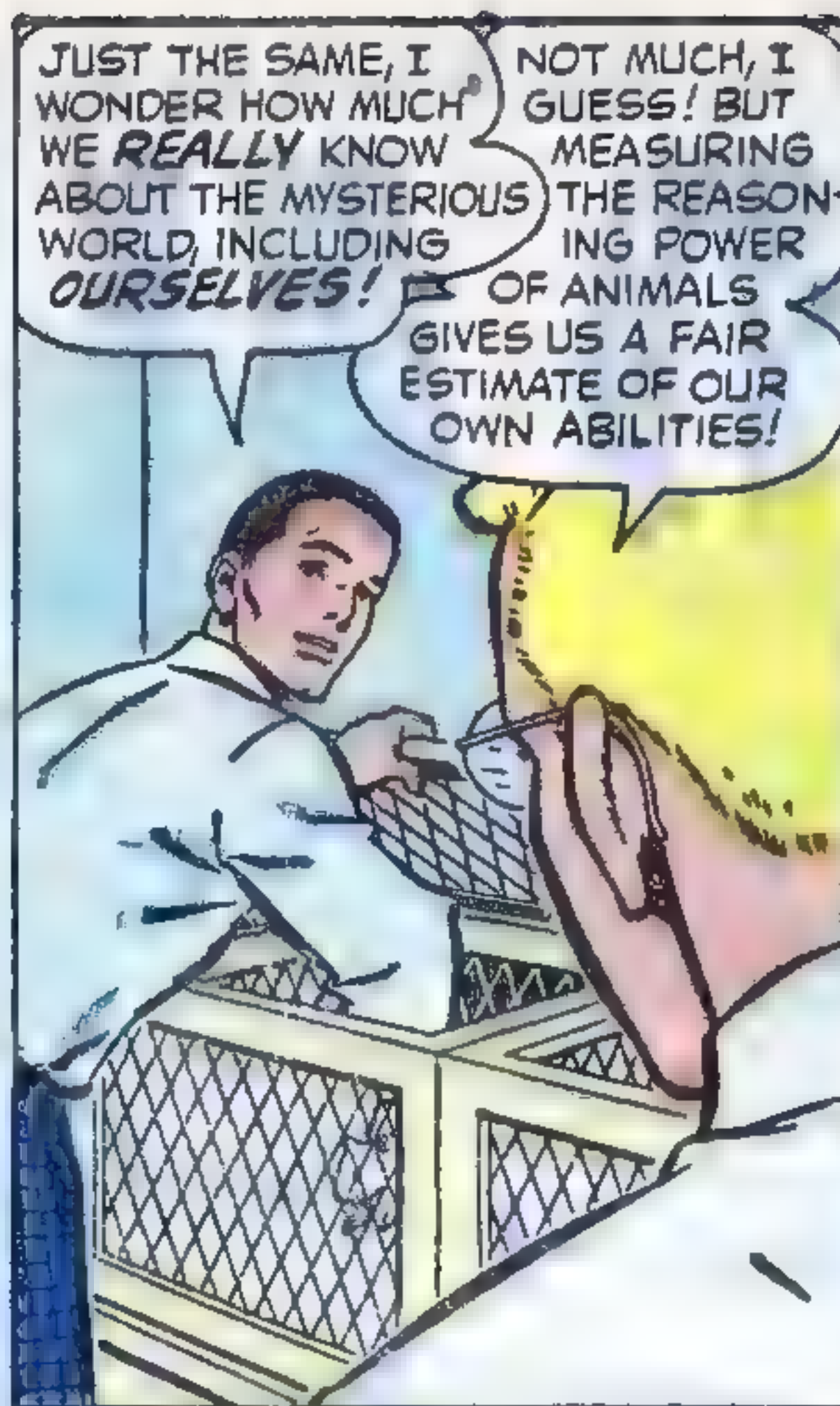
OKAY... I COULD STAND A REST FROM ALL THIS MYSELF!





POOR LITTLE ANIMAL... IT MAKES SUCH A **DUNCE** OUT OF ITSELF!

WELL, AFTER ALL, THE INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT... THE CAPACITY OF ITS INTELLIGENCE IS **LIMITED**, WHEN COMPARED TO **OURS!**



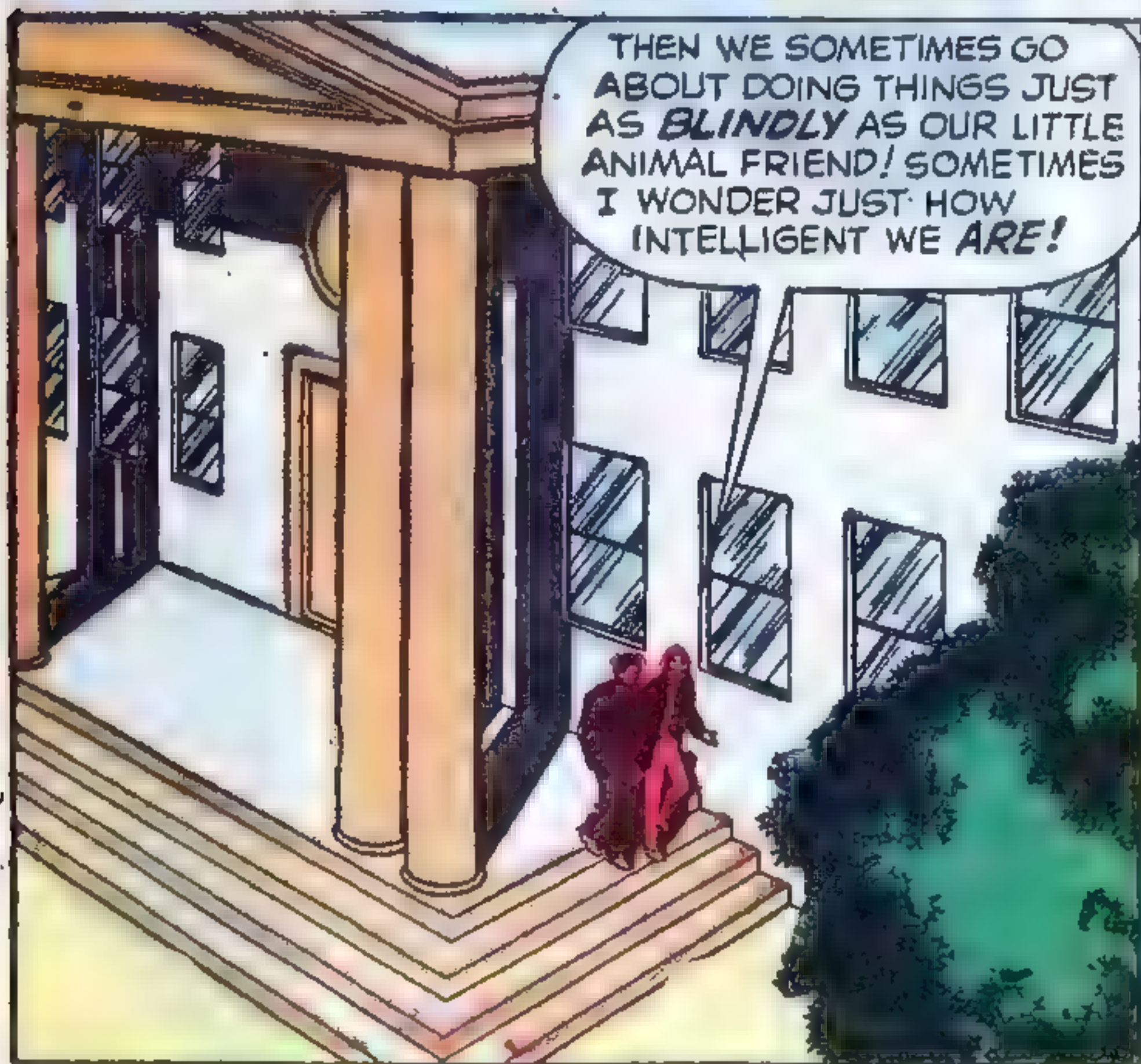
JUST THE SAME, I WONDER HOW MUCH WE **REALLY** KNOW ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD, INCLUDING **OURSELVES!**

NOT MUCH, I GUESS! BUT MEASURING THE REASONING POWER OF ANIMALS GIVES US A FAIR ESTIMATE OF OUR OWN ABILITIES!

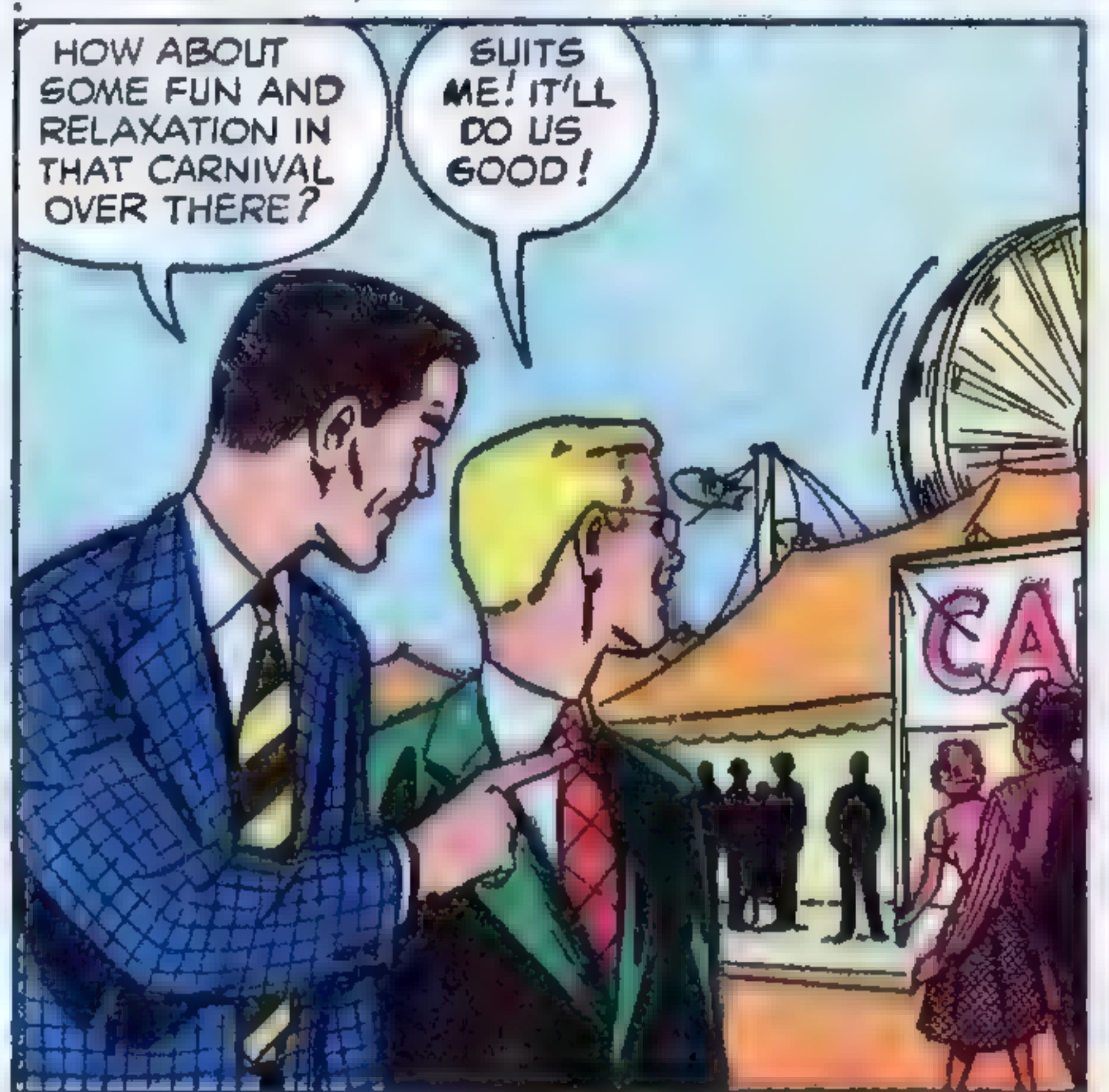


WE OBSERVE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND WE FIND **WE'RE** SUPERIOR TO ANIMALS! SO WHAT?

WE TRY TO **BETTER** OURSELVES ALL THE TIME! WE TRY TO **PREDICT** HOW WE'D ACT IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS!



THEN WE SOMETIMES GO ABOUT DOING THINGS JUST AS **BLINDLY** AS OUR LITTLE ANIMAL FRIEND! SOMETIMES I WONDER JUST HOW INTELLIGENT WE **ARE!**



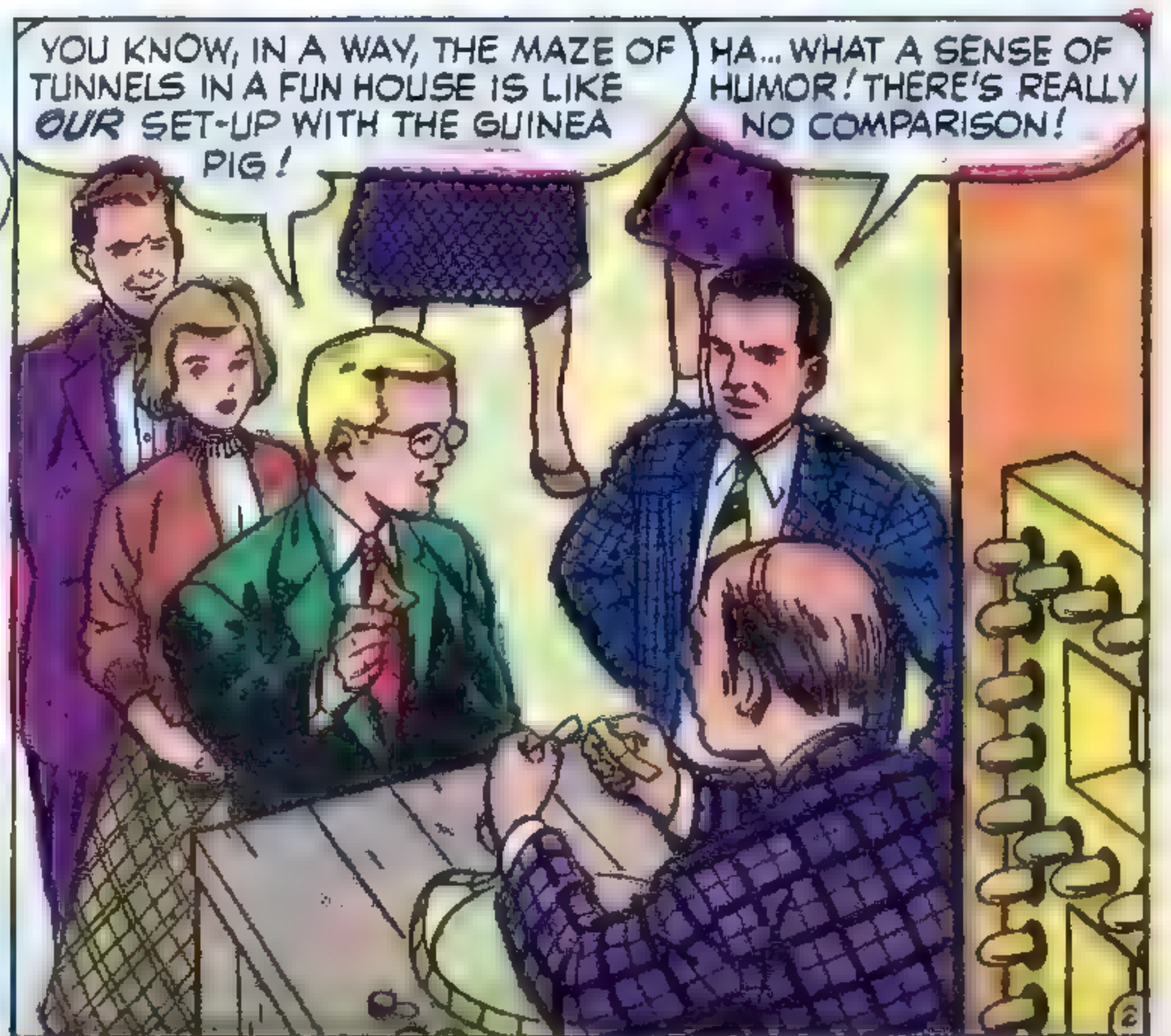
HOW ABOUT SOME FUN AND RELAXATION IN THAT CARNIVAL OVER THERE?

SUITS ME! IT'LL DO US GOOD!



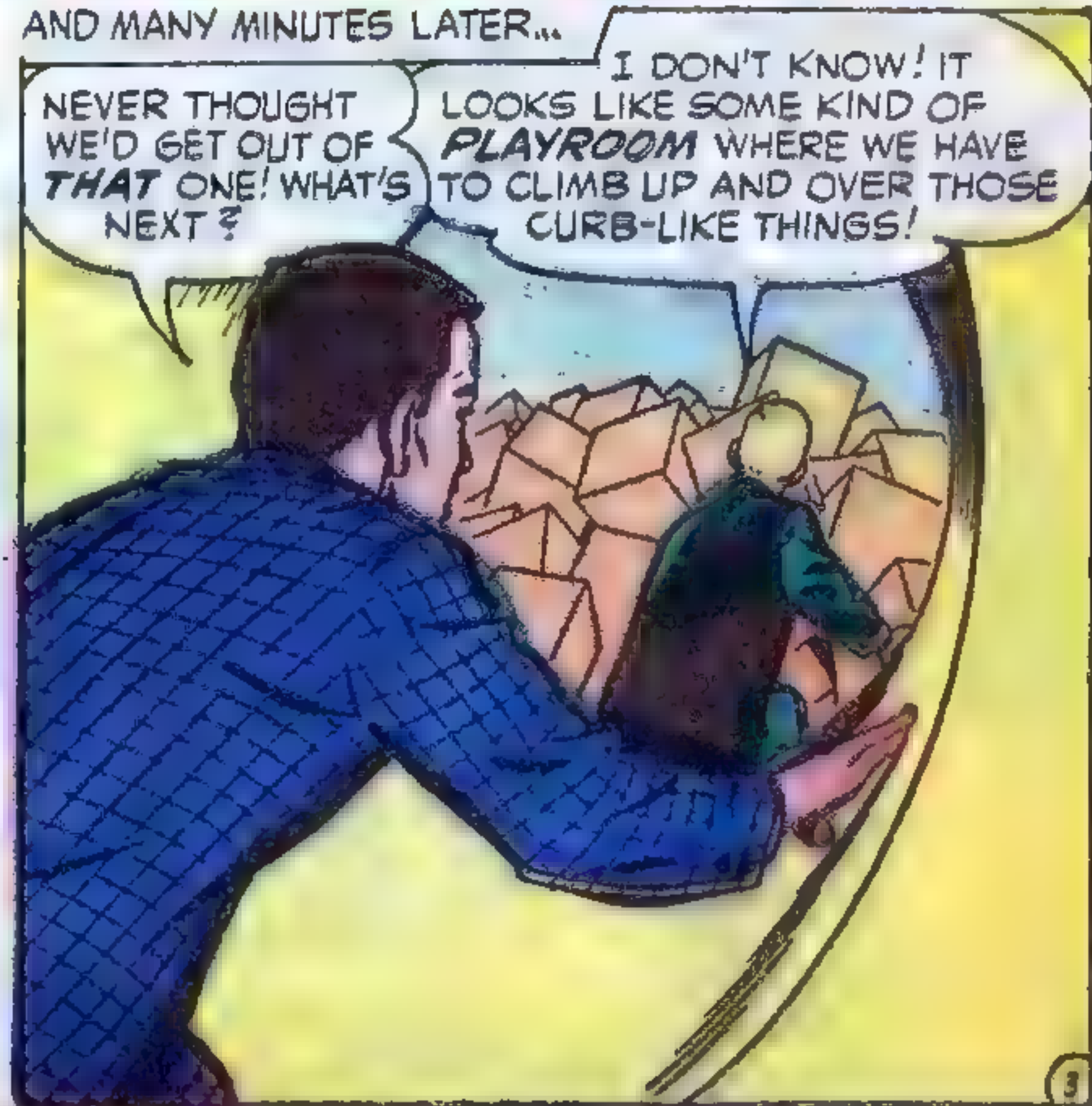
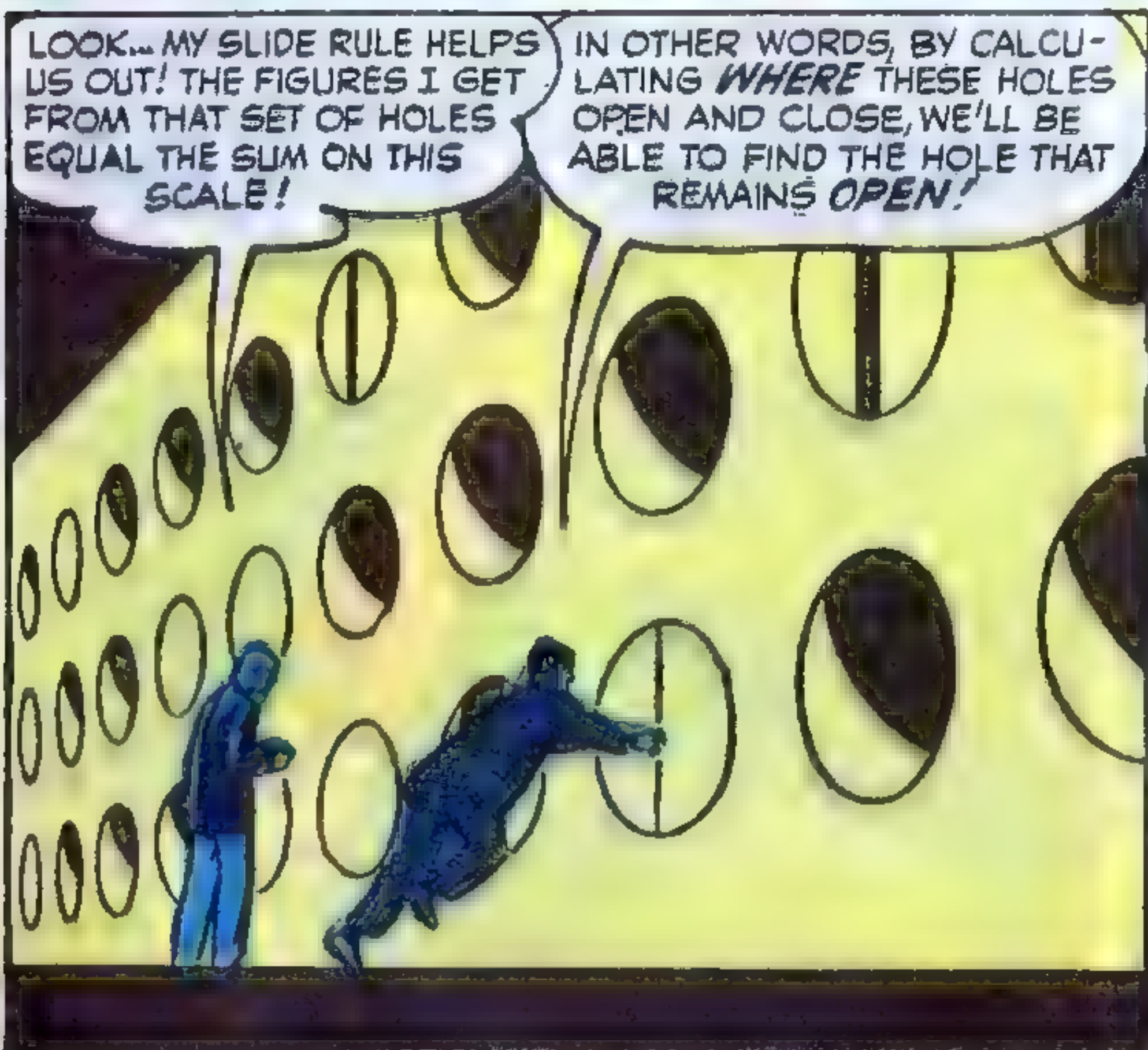
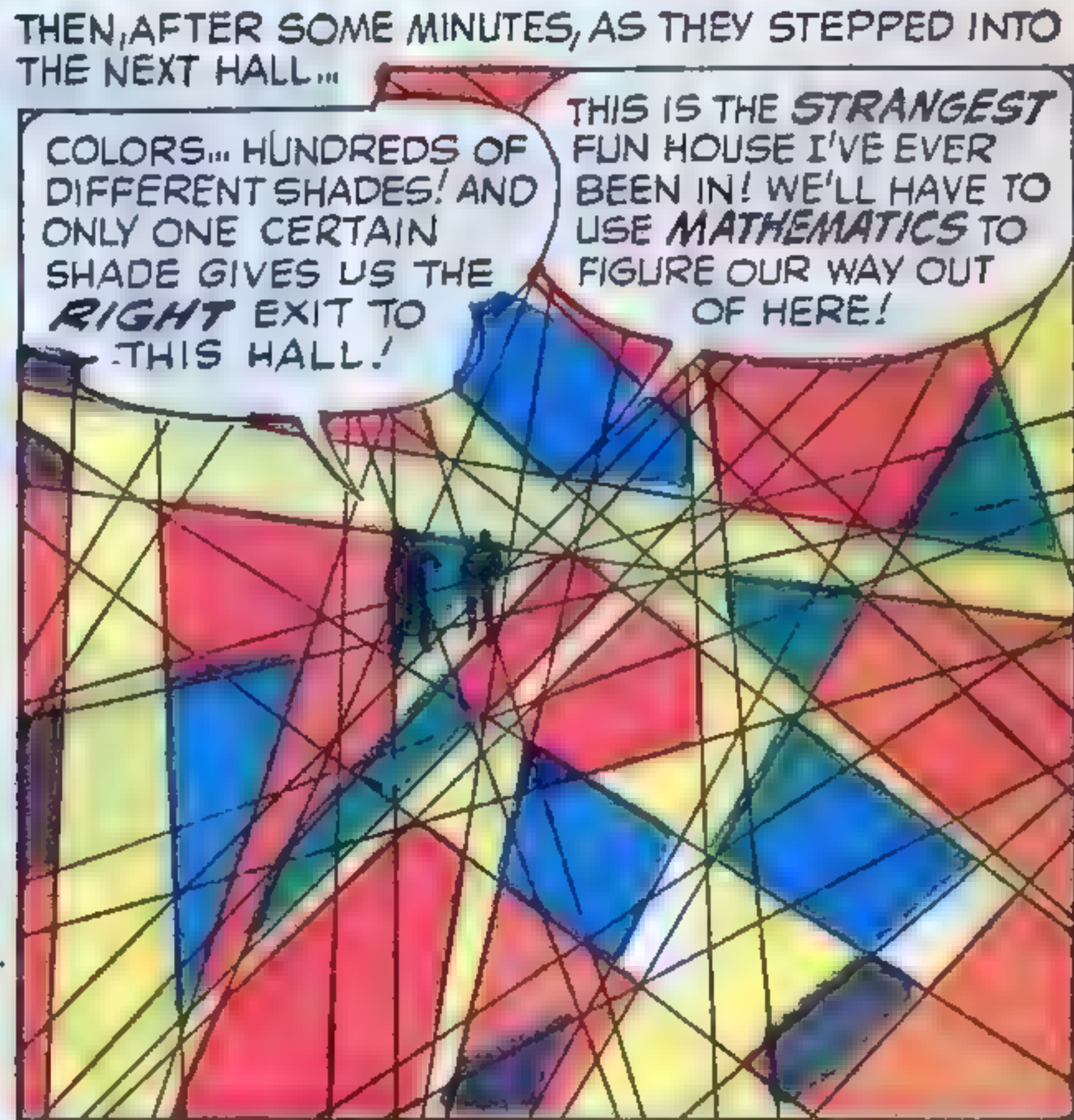
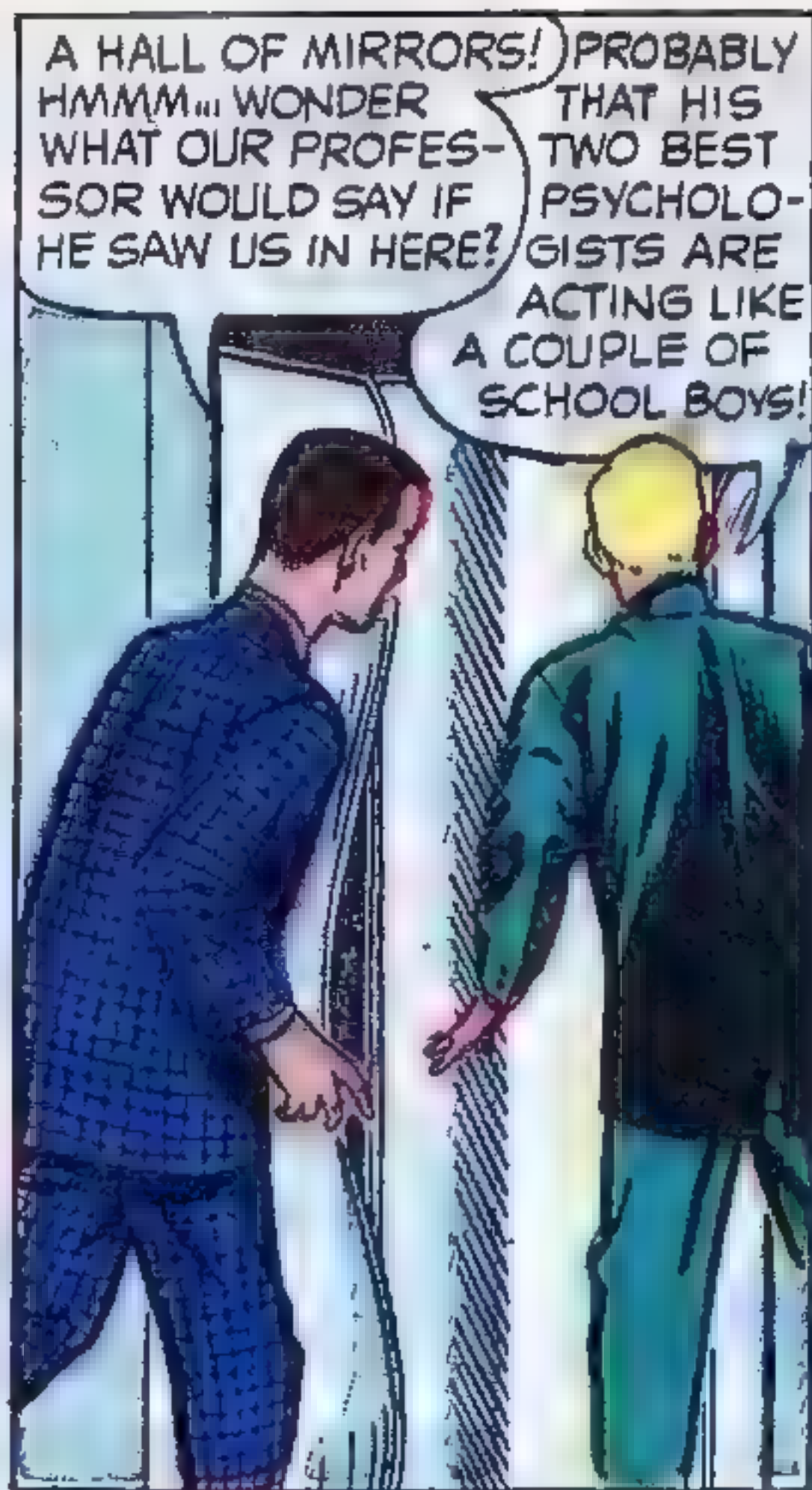
WELL... WHERE DO WE START?

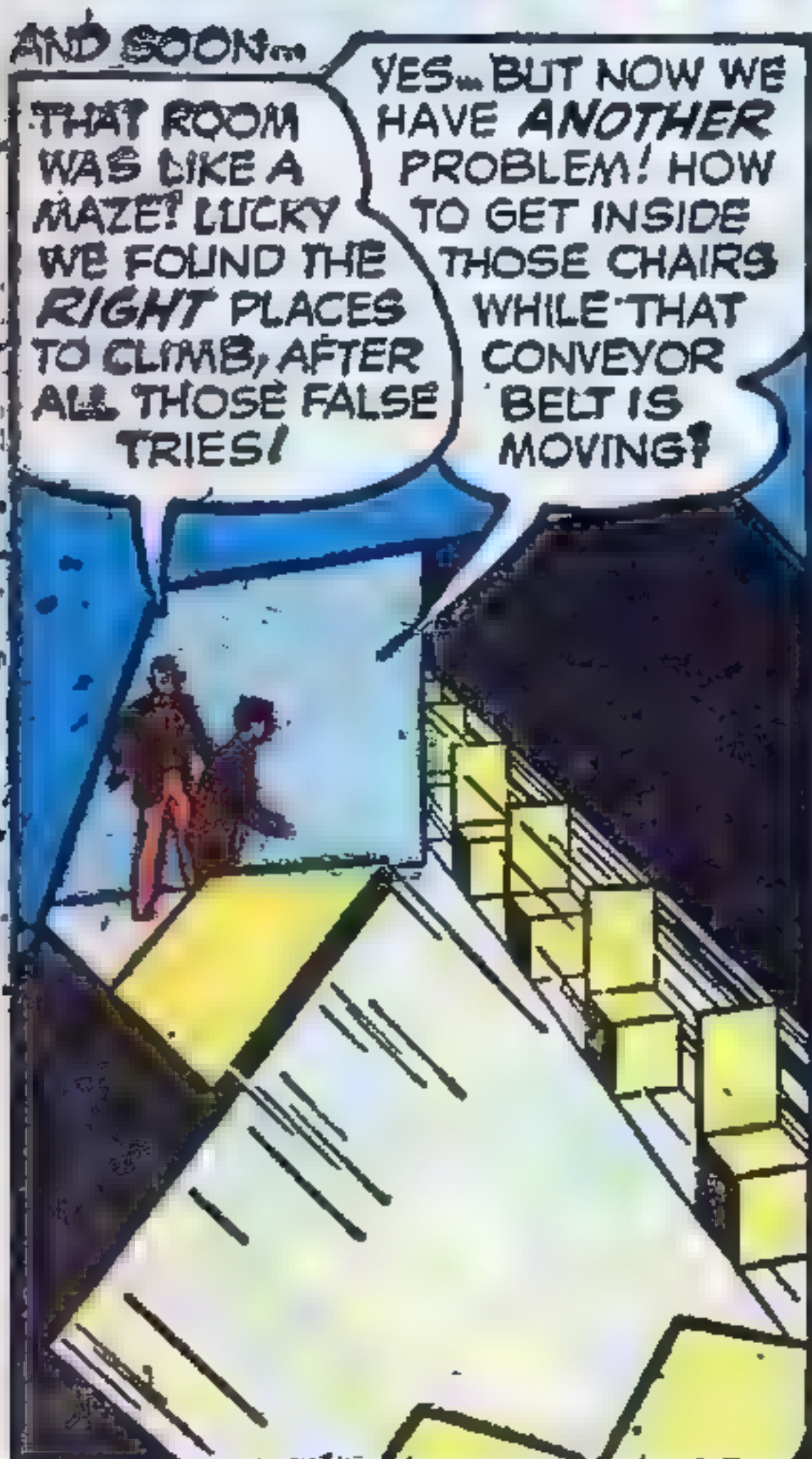
HOW ABOUT THAT FUN HOUSE? I HAVEN'T BEEN IN ONE IN YEARS!



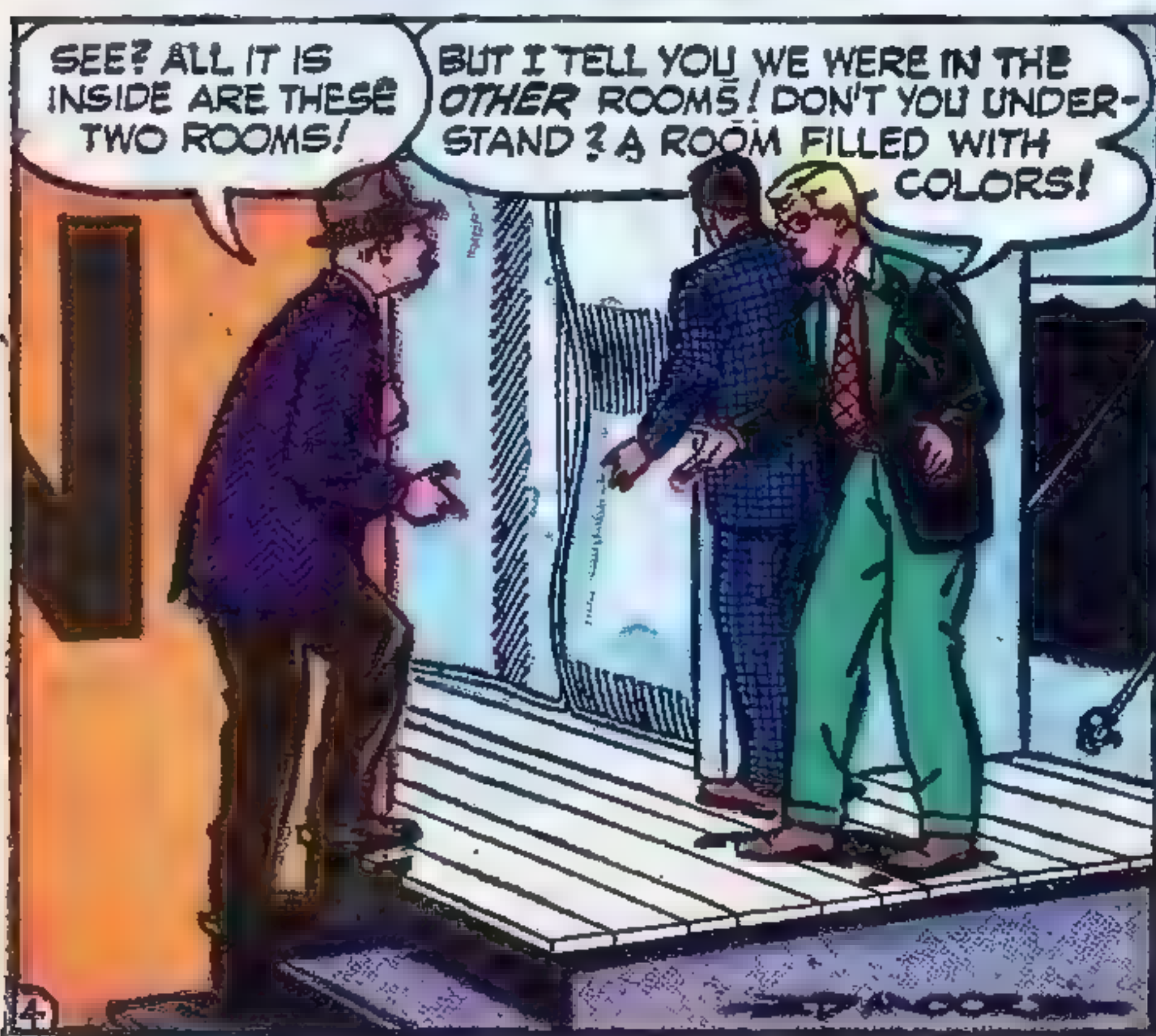
YOU KNOW, IN A WAY, THE MAZE OF TUNNELS IN A FUN HOUSE IS LIKE **OUR** SET-UP WITH THE GUINEA PIG!

HA... WHAT A SENSE OF HUMOR! THERE'S REALLY NO COMPARISON!

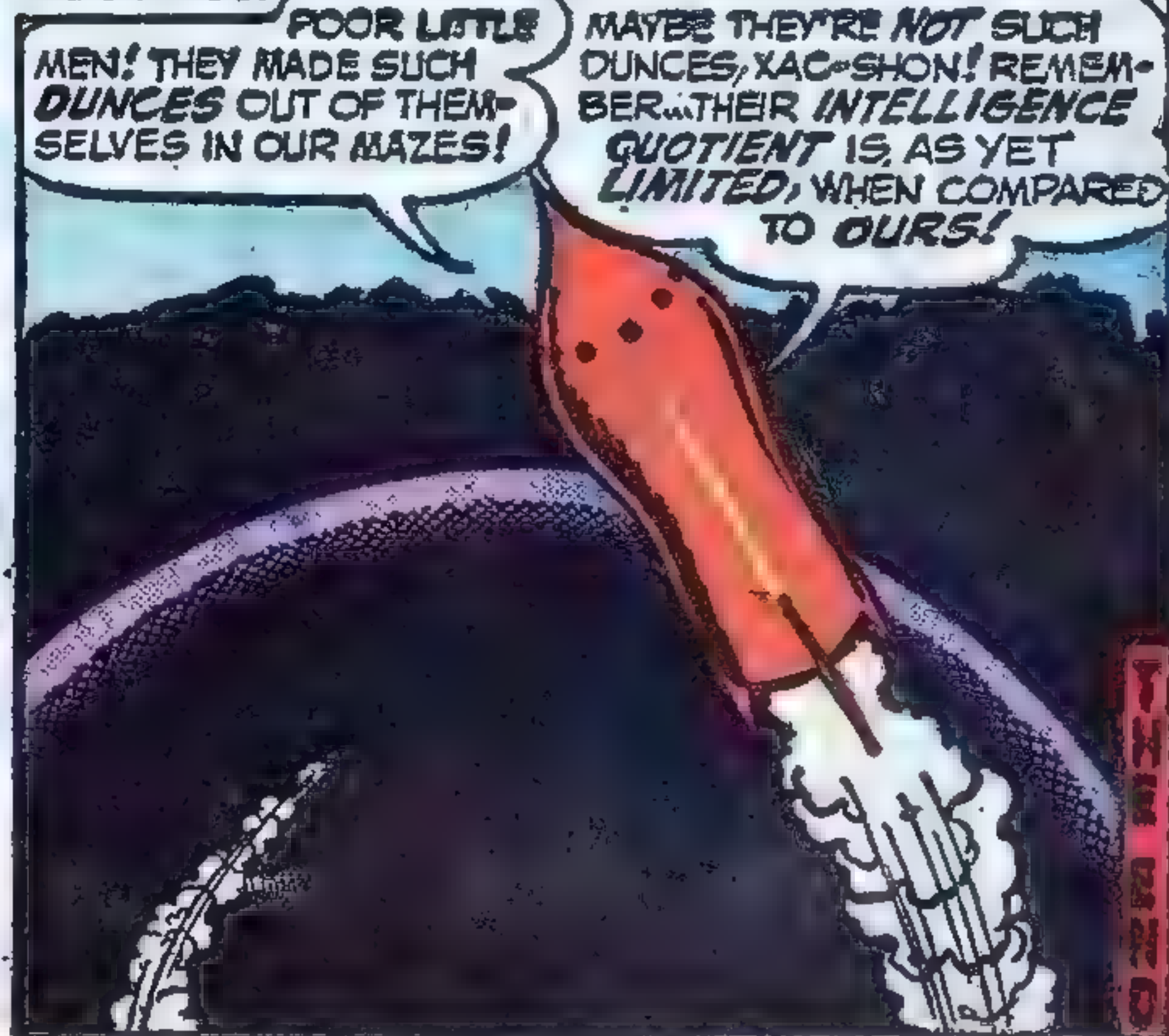




AND MINUTES LATER, AS THE PUZZLED OWNER SHOWED THEM AROUND PERSONALLY...



AND INSIDE THE "ROOM OF COLORS", AS IT CLIMBED TO THE STARS...



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"And you think he'll let me use his bike in the race?" Sidney asked excitedly.

"Of course," his father grinned happily. "And Wilbur's always raved about the speed and service he gets out of that bike. Wilbur's boasted that it wasn't bright and shiny but that it took him wherever he wanted."

Sure enough, Uncle Wilbur pedaled up a little while later and made the acquaintance of his nephew for the first time. When the idea was broached to him, he agreed promptly.

"Seems like the least I can do for a twelve-year-old nephew

I've never seen before," he laughed. "I've been so busy roaming the whole wide world that I've neglected my family ties. But now I'm going to settle down. I'm through conquering time and space. It's Sid's turn to take over. He can not only borrow my bike . . . he can keep it!"

Sid protested half-heartedly, but Uncle Wilbur insisted. When Sidney studied it closely, he thought he knew *why* Uncle Wilbur no longer wanted it.

The handlebars and spokes were rusted and the paint was cracked in spots. The tires were a bit worn, too, but Sidney felt that his uncle's gesture was genuine and that the bike was certainly better than none at all.

"Don't let the bike's looks deceive you," Wilbur advised, noting Sid's crestfallen look.

"When you ride in that race, just believe that you'll win. And

I'll bet you *will*, too," he added with a knowing smile.

And Uncle Wilbur was so right! The race was held on a close track with many neighborhood spectators lining the course. Most of them were stunned at the brilliant burst of speed Sid put on at the starting whistle. They stared in disbelief as he lapped the entire field before they had gone halfway around the track. Sidney broke every existing speed record for bikes in the book. No one was even a close second.

Sidney accepted everybody's praise with due modesty, but he was sorely puzzled. He couldn't imagine why he had been so singularly successful. Later, when he removed the floral tribute that had been placed over his handlebars, he thought he had the answer.

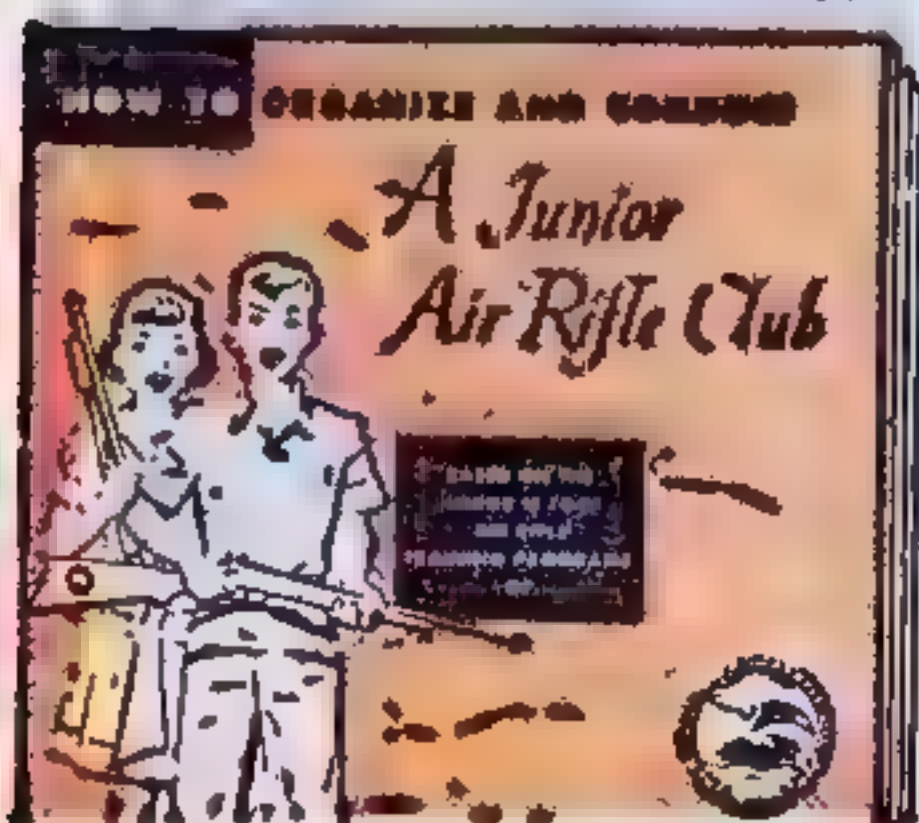
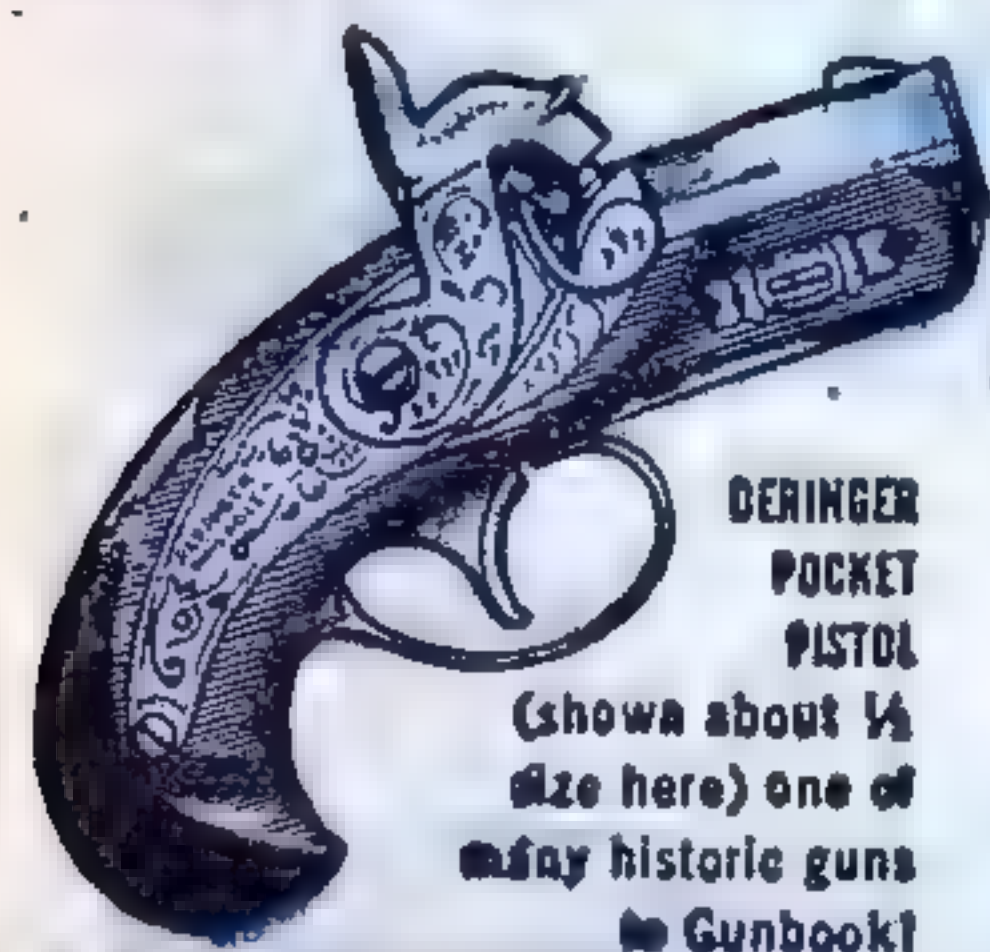
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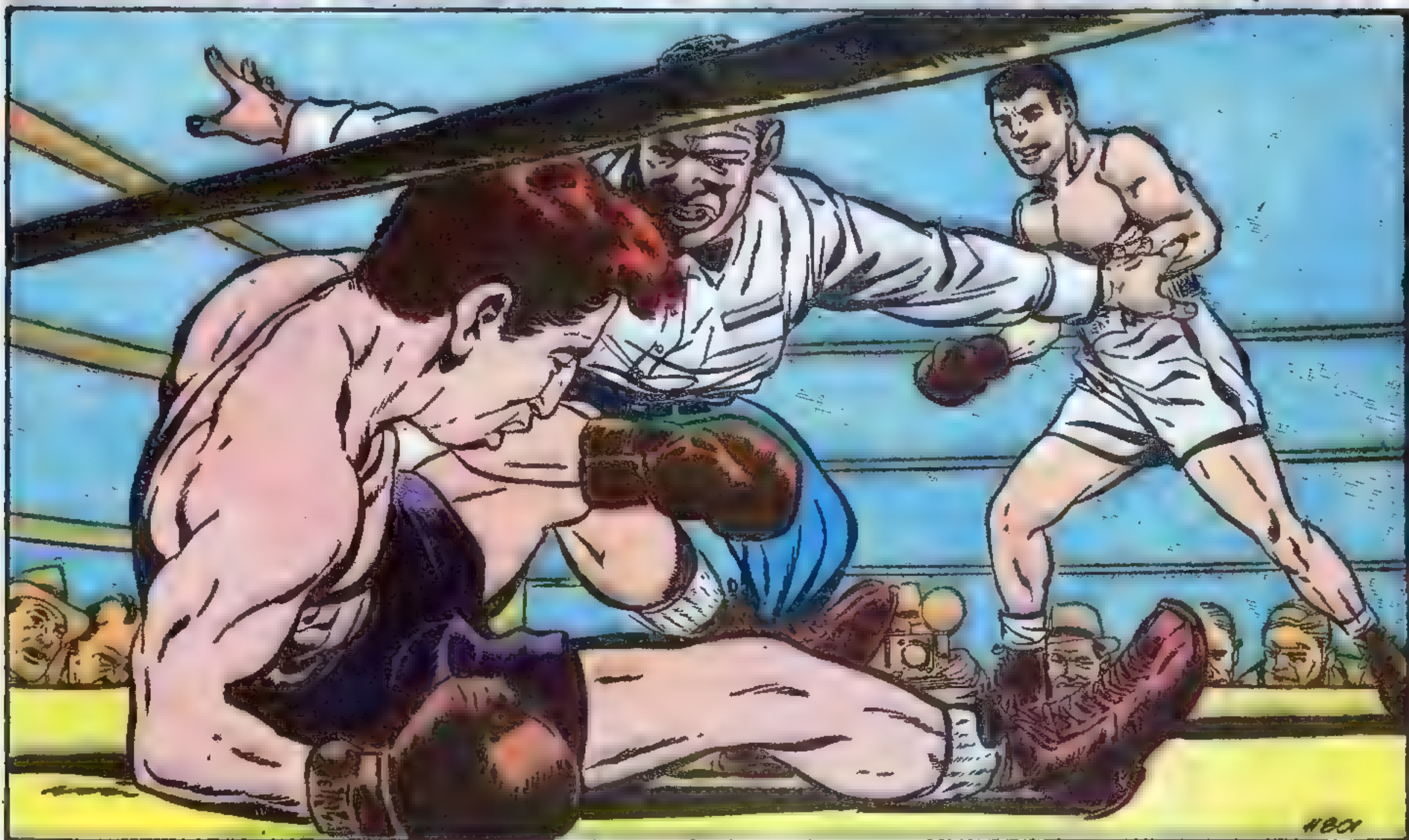
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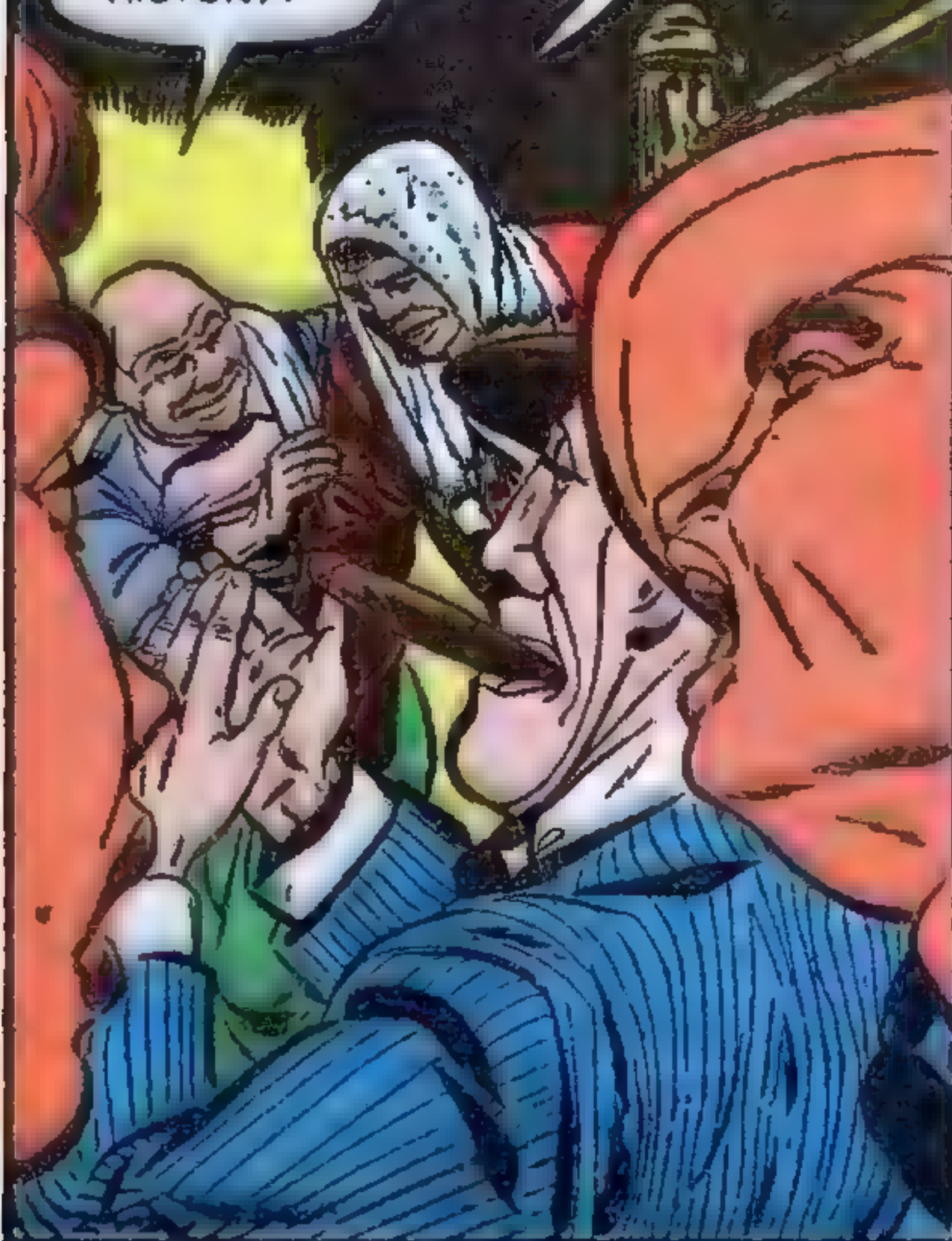
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NOTHING CAN STOP YOU, TONY! YOU ARE THE REINCARNATION OF ALL THE GREAT FIGHTERS OF HISTORY!

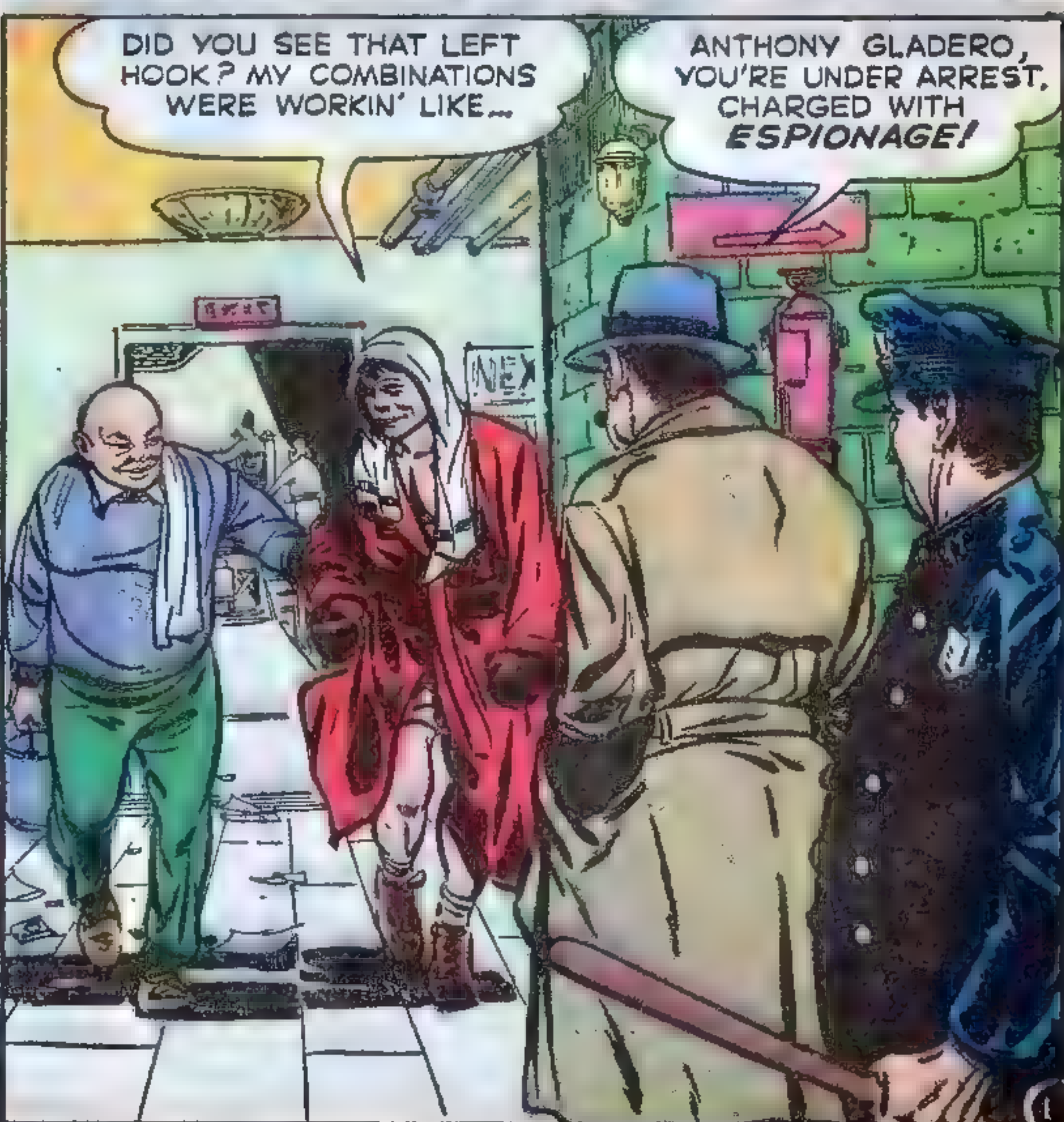
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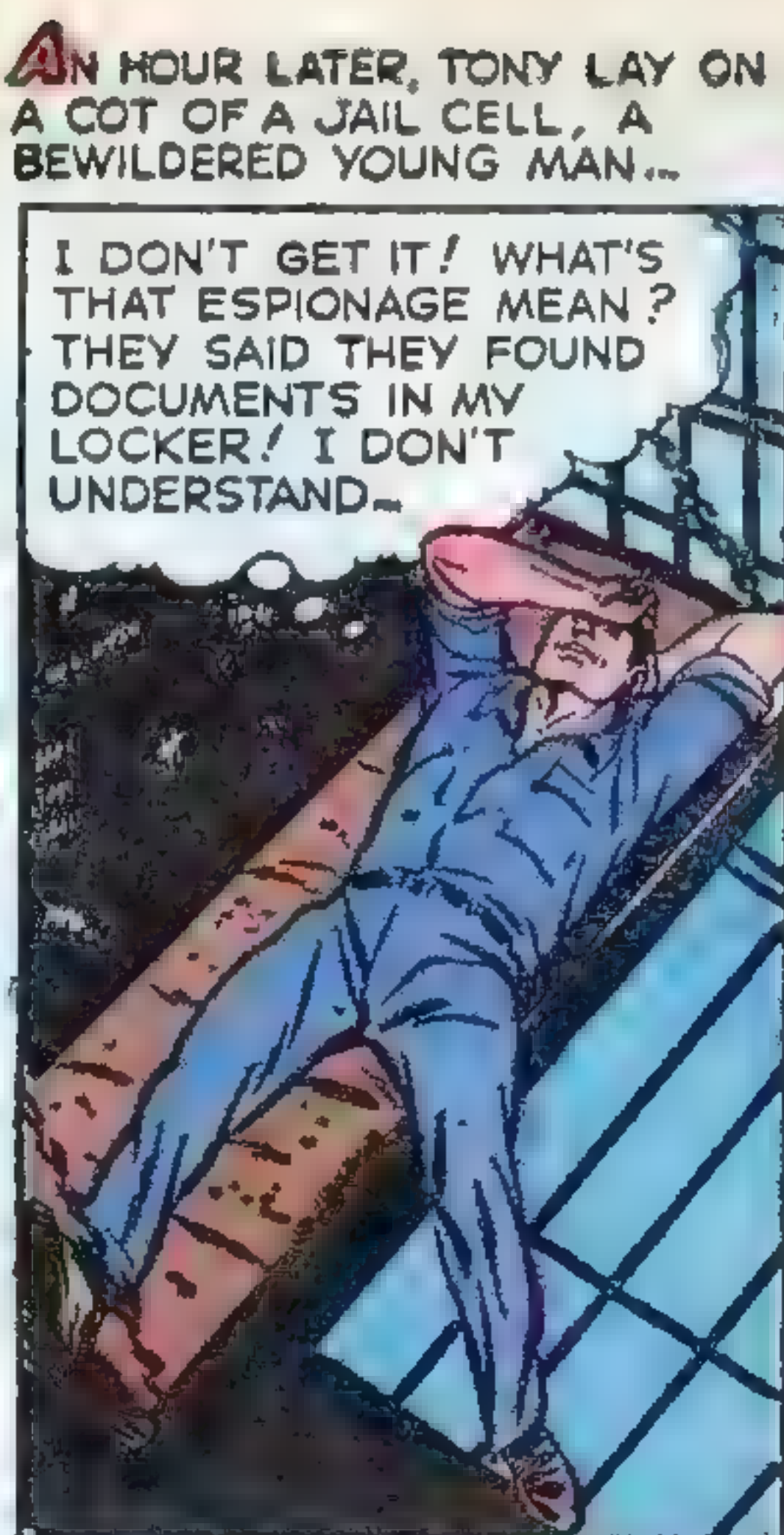


TONY WALKED UP THE AISLE AND INTO THE CORRIDOR WITH HIS TRAINER WHOM THE FIGHT MOB CALLED "PROFESSOR"...

DID YOU SEE THAT LEFT HOOK? MY COMBINATIONS WERE WORKIN' LIKE...

ANTHONY GLADERO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST. CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE!





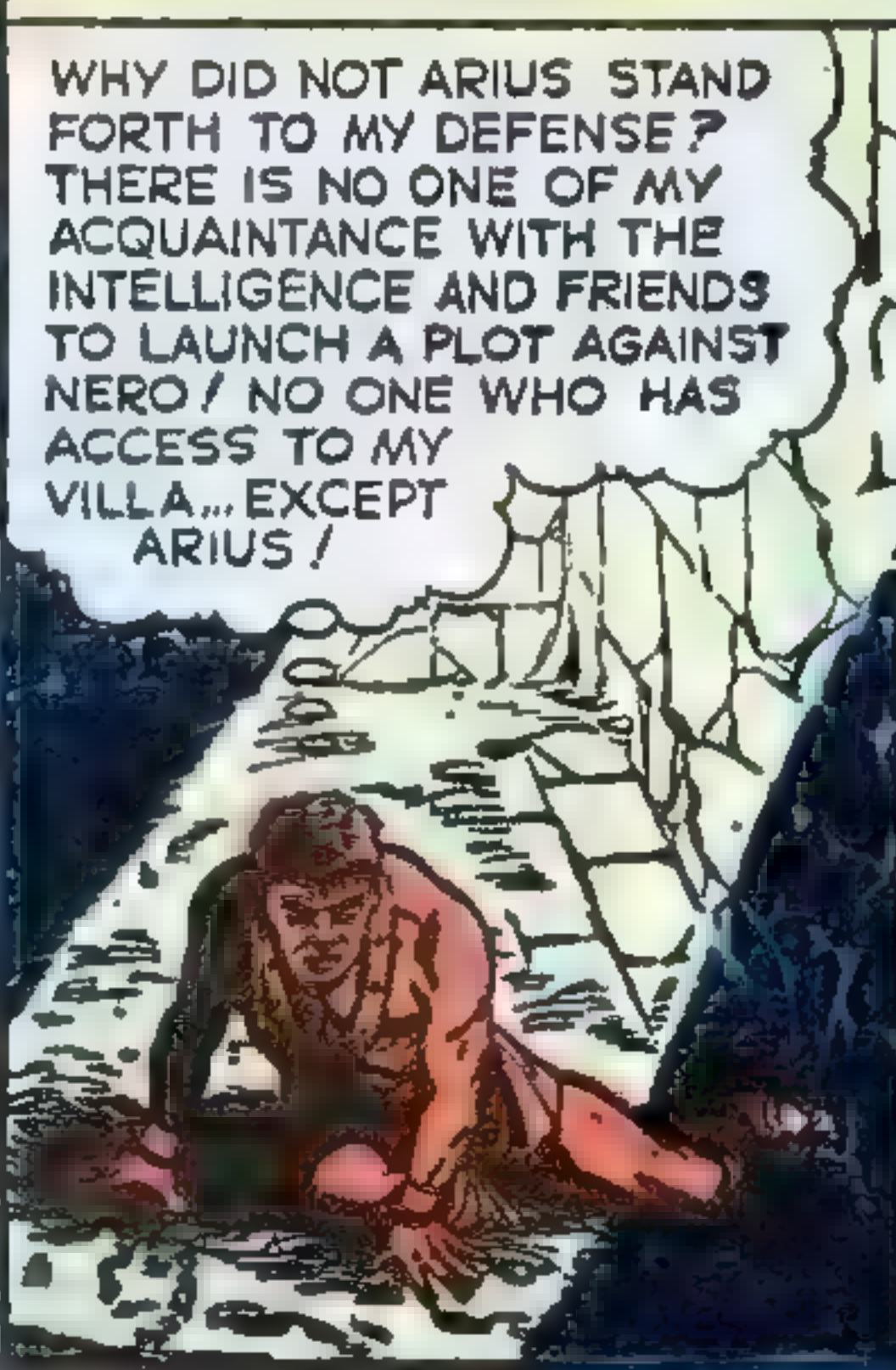
AND AS SLEEP CAME, THE WALLS OF THE CELL SEEMED TO MELT AWAY AND TONY STOOD IN A HUGE OPEN ARENA, DRESSED IN STRANGE GARB...



SUDDENLY IN THE CROWD THAT PRESSED CLOSE, ANTONIUS SAW THE FACE OF HIS SPONSOR, ARIUS!



SOMETIME LATER, ANTONIUS LAY UPON A PALLET IN A DUNGEON AND THOUGHT UPON HIS GRAVE PREDICAMENT...



ANTONIUS CALLED THE GUARD TO HIM AND IN ONE SWIFT MOVEMENT...



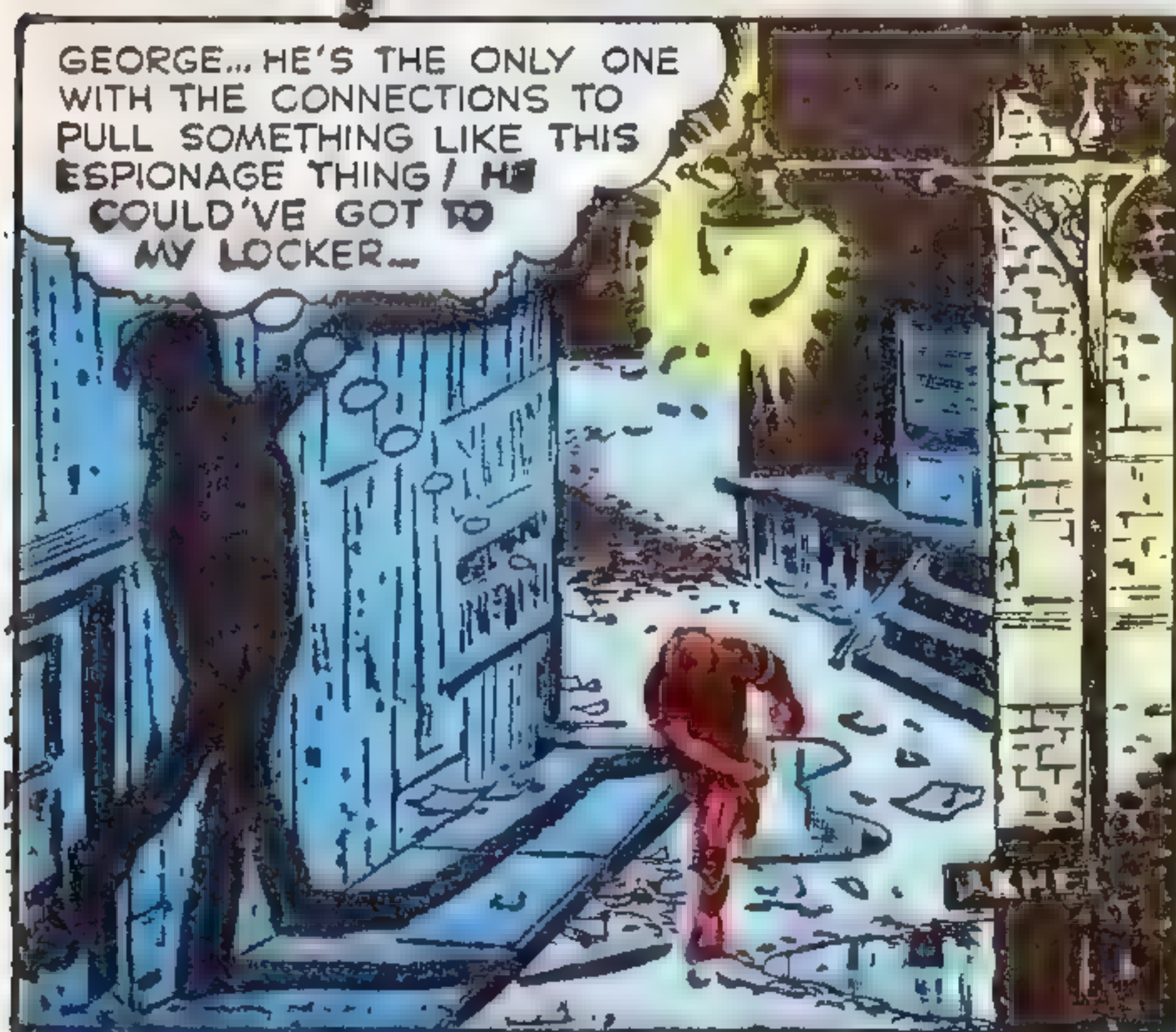
THROUGH THE DARKENED STREETS OF ROME, ANTONIUS MOVED AND REACHED THE LAVISH APARTMENT OF HIS SPONSOR, ARIUS!



THE DREAM BROKE OFF, YET THE QUALITY OF DREAMING REMAINED, AS TONY GLADERO ROSE FROM HIS JAIL COT...



IT WAS A STRANGE FEELING, LIKE WALKING ON CLOUDS, LIKE THE TIME BETWEEN SLEEP AND WAKING, WHEN THE BASIC BEING HAS ONLY HALF SELF-AWARENESS...



GEORGE... HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH THE CONNECTIONS TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS ESPIONAGE THING! HE COULD'VE GOT TO MY LOCKER...

SUDDENLY, FULL WAKEFULNESS CAME TO TONY...

DON'T HIT ME, TONY! I'LL CONFESS! I'LL TELL THEM THAT I PLANTED THE EVIDENCE ON YOU TO THROW THEM OFF MY TRAIL... THAT I FRAMED YOU!

WHA... WHAT AM I DOIN' HERE? HOW DID I GET HERE?



I DON'T GET IT! I WENT TO SLEEP IN JAIL, AN' I WAKE UP HERE!

I GUESS THIS CLEARS YOU, TONY!

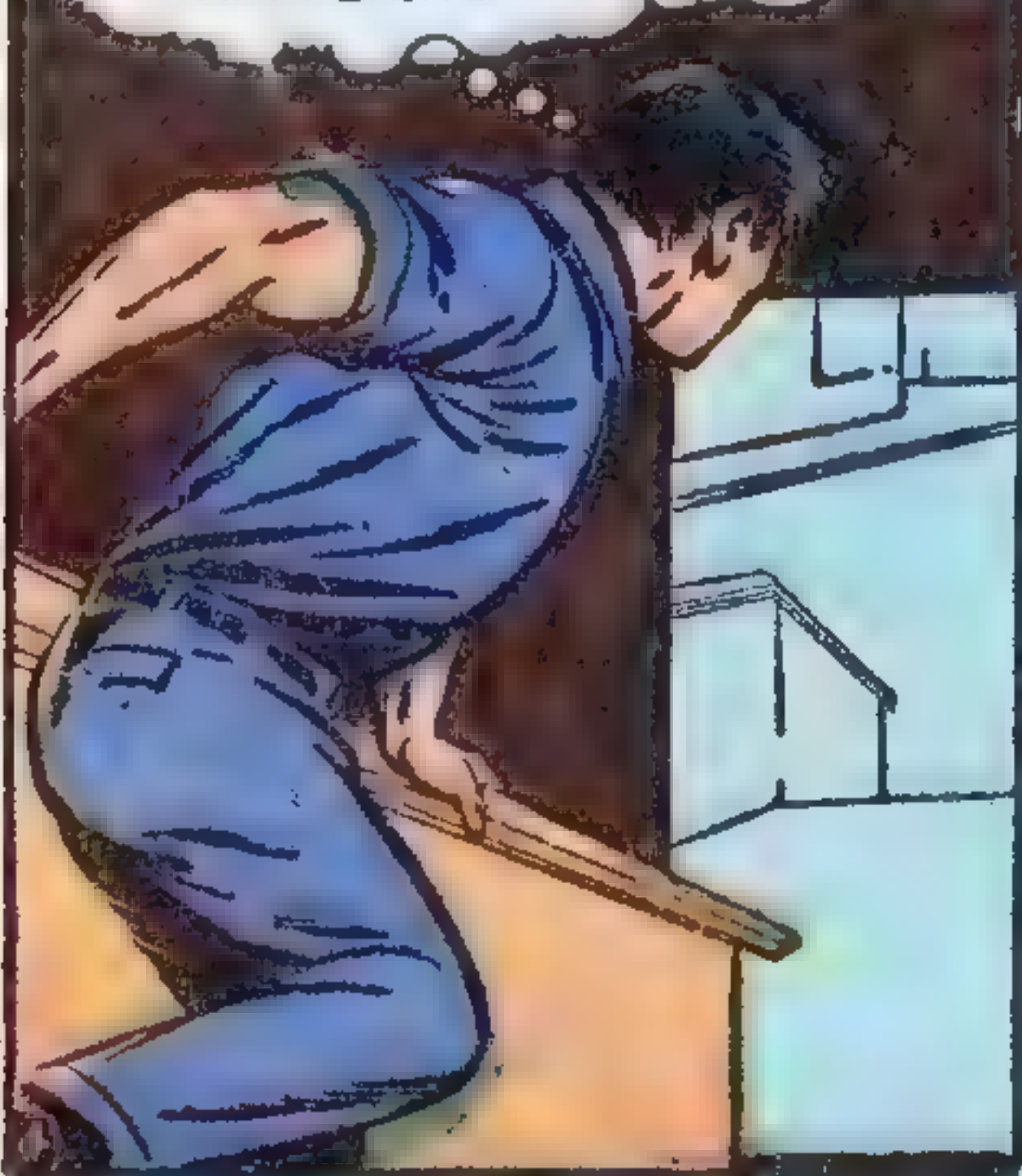


I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHERE THE DREAMS LEFT OFF AND REALITY BEGAN! AND THOSE GUYS I WAS DREAMIN' ABOUT... WHAT KIND OF GUYS WERE THEY?



TONY WAS VERY CONFUSED! HE'D NEVER HEARD OF NERO OR THE ROMAN EMPIRE...

IT DON'T FIGURE AT ALL! DREAMS, CRAZY ONES, AND ALL THIS HAPPENING...



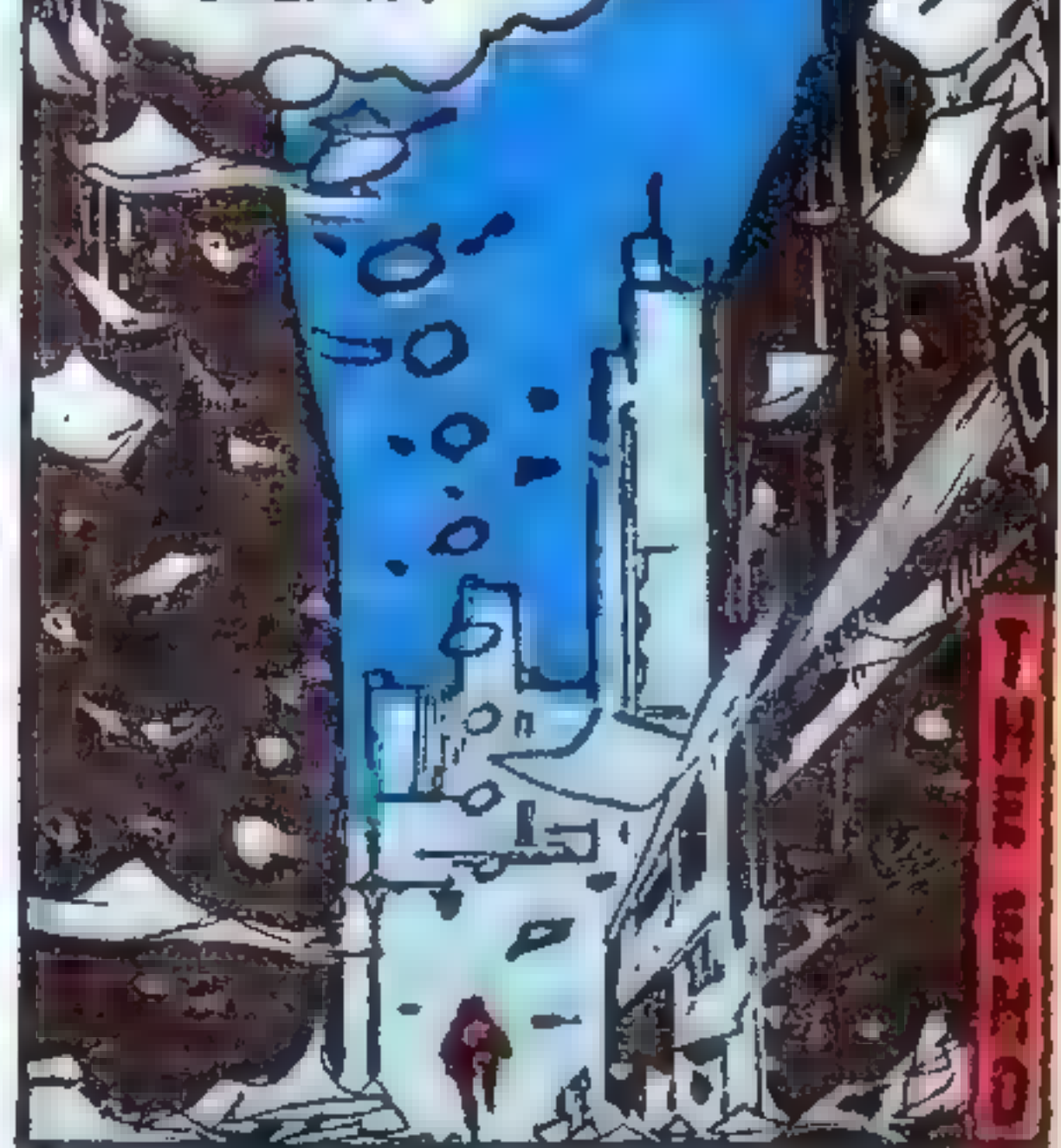
AS WE MENTIONED BEFORE, TONY HAD NEVER HEARD OF REINCARNATION OR THE THOUGHT PATTERNS OF FORMER LIFE REMAINING IN THE SUBCONSCIOUS MIND...

I'LL ASK THE PROFESSOR... MAYBE HE KNOWS THE ANSWER! HEY, IT'S LATE AN' I'M IN TRAININ'! ALL THIS IS LIABLE TO RUIN MY CONDITION!



ALL TONY KNEW WAS THAT HE WAS FREE AND COULD GO BACK TO HIS WAY OF LIFE, AND THAT GEORGE WAS GOING TO GET WHAT WAS COMING TO HIM...

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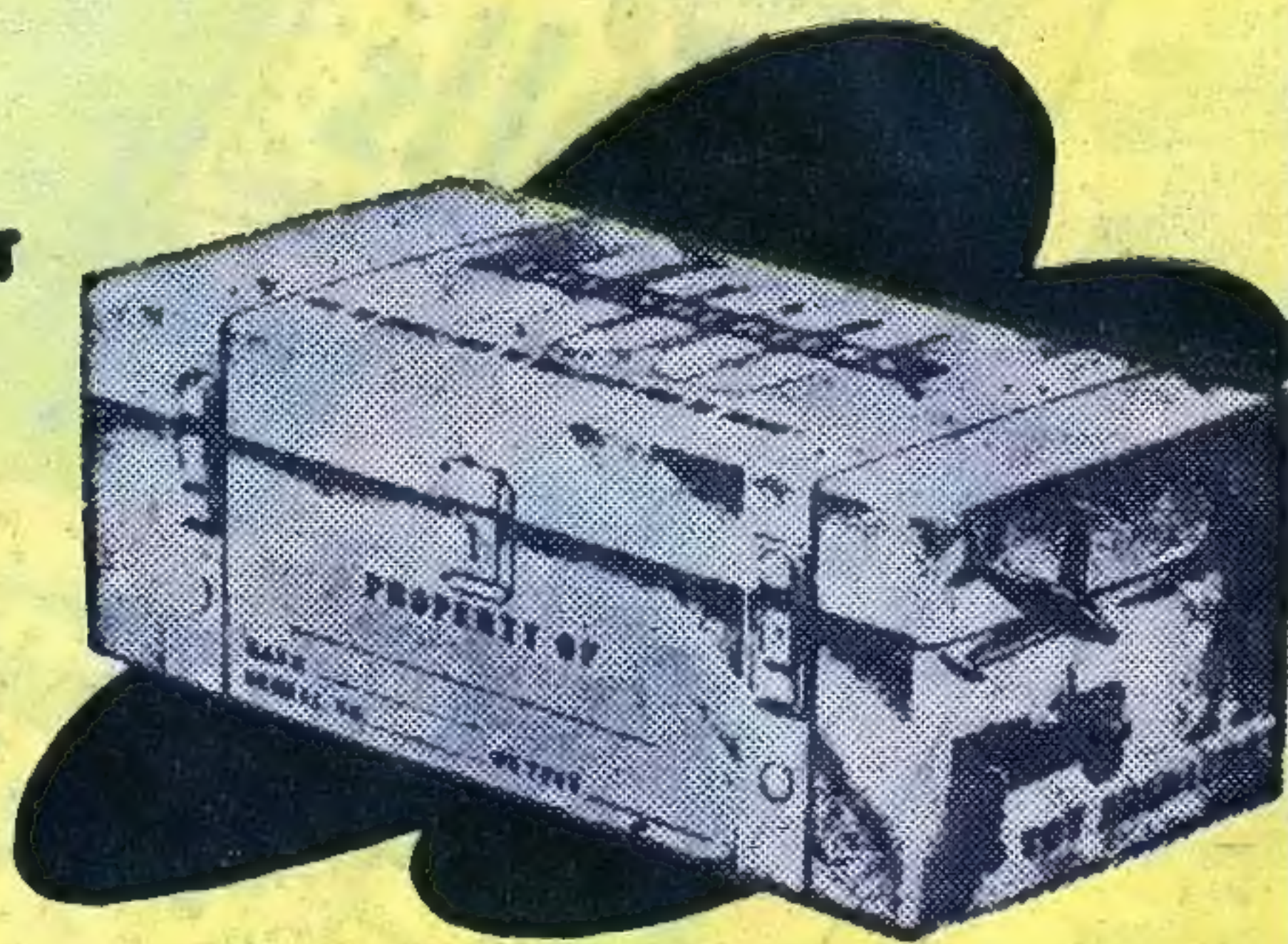
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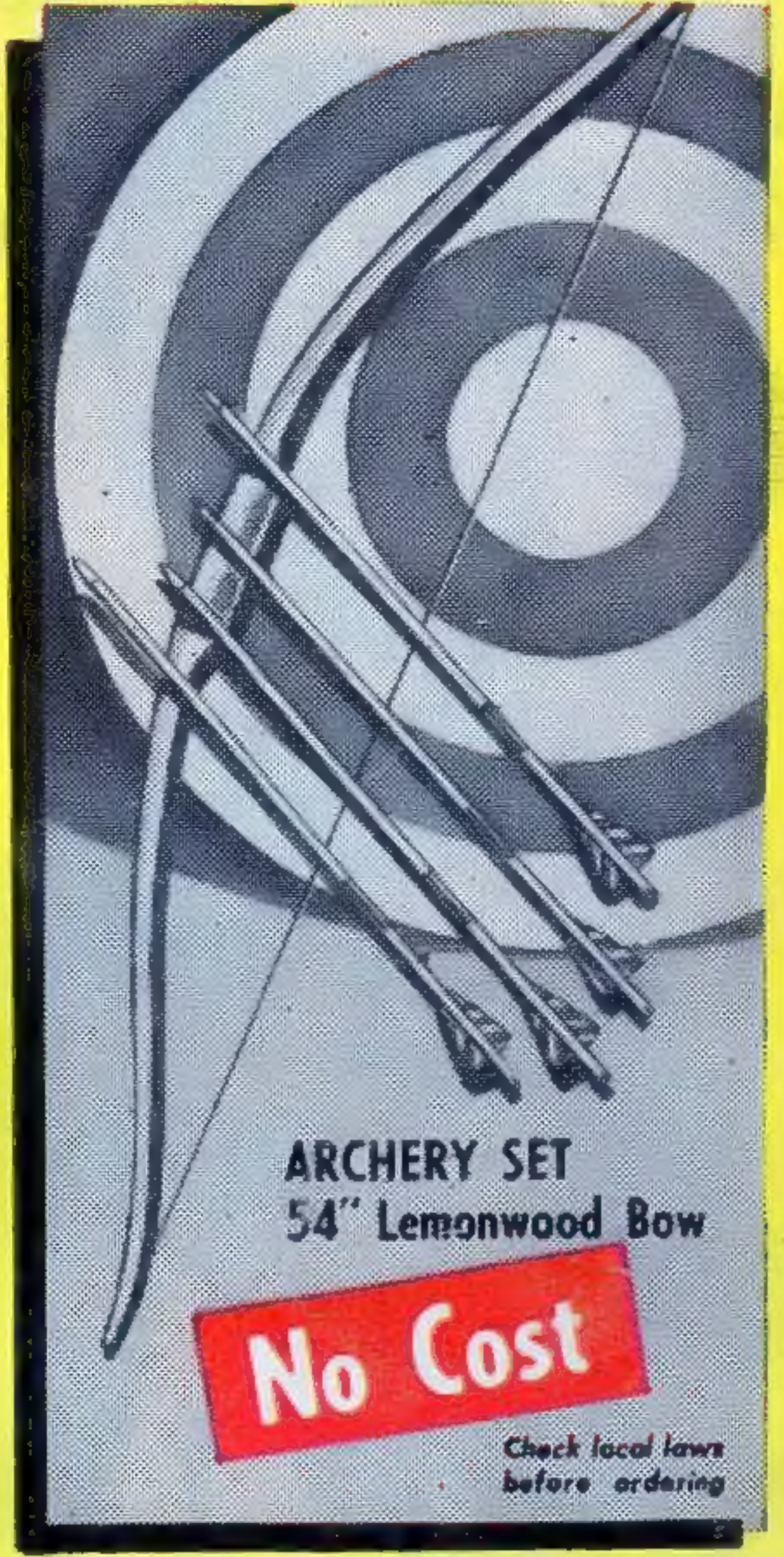
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